

Military Records at the South Dakota State Archives - Forts and Posts

Fort Abercrombie (North Dakota)

Fort Abercrombie was established by an Act of Congress on March 3, 1857. It was constructed in 1858 along the Red River of the North and was the first permanent U.S. military fort established in what would become North Dakota. The original site was prone to flooding, so a new fort was built at a higher location in 1860. After the fort was abandoned in 1877, the fort buildings were sold and removed from the site. The original military guardhouse has since been returned to the site, along with reconstructions of three blockhouses and the stockade.

Collections

National Park Service Photograph - Fort Abercrombie (89-172)

Collection contains photographs of historic sites along the Missouri River taken in the 1940s. (Box 05719)

Maps

[Route of Battalion 2nd Infantry, Fort Randall and Fort Abercrombie, by Captain W. M. Gardner, 1860](#)
(#1869 - MD 42, Folder 2)

Publications

Mentions in [South Dakota Historical Collections](#). Pierre, SD: South Dakota State Historical Society.

Fort Abercrombie: Vol. 1, page 53, 60, 126-127; Vol. 2.2, page 296; Vol. 8, page 416-417, 427, 437-438

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