

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

Fort Abraham Lincoln (North Dakota)

This military post was established in June 1872 at the confluence of the Missouri and Heart Rivers in present-day North Dakota. The post was originally named Fort McKeen but was renamed Fort Abraham Lincoln just five months later. The fort was abandoned in 1891 after the Northern Pacific Railroad was completed. The site became a state park in 1907, making it the oldest state park in North Dakota.

Collections

General Photo Collection - Fort Lincoln (P94)

Includes the following images: a Gatling gun, post office and adjutant's office, officers' quarters, and bird's eye view all dated 1877; buildings and grounds of Fort Abraham Lincoln by photographer Illingworth (#1912). Also includes a photo of the Fort McKeen blockhouse, which eventually became part of Fort Lincoln.

Publications

Mentions in South Dakota Historical Collections. Pierre, SD: South Dakota State Historical Society.

Fort Abraham Lincoln: Vol. 2.2, page 401; Vol. 7, page 554; Vol. 8, page 54-55; Vol. 24, page 132-133; Vol. 27, page 149-152; Vol. 29, page 352

Fort McKeen: Vol. 17, page 149, 153; Vol. 27, page 153; Vol. 28, page 434-435

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