

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

Fort Benton (Montana)

Fort Benton was established in 1846 as a fur trading post. It was the last navigable steamboat port on the upper Missouri River and became an important trade and transportation hub for the Northwestern United States. The present-day city of Fort Benton, Montana, grew around the fort and is the oldest continuously occupied settlement in Montana. The U.S. Army took control of the fort in 1869 and used it until 1881.

Collections

General Photo Collection - Fort Benton (P93)

Includes an image of a ranch near Fort Benton on the Teton River.

Publications

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