

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

Fort Buford (North Dakota)

Fort Buford was built in 1866 at the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers in present-day North Dakota. The original fort buildings were made of poor materials and deteriorated quickly, so the entire fort was rebuilt and expanded in 1871-1872. It was abandoned on October 1, 1895. The site is now a state historic site, with a museum and interpretive center.

Collections

General Photo Collection - Fort Buford (P93)

Includes the following images from Fort Buford - officers' quarters, Sioux tipis, and looking south from the guard house

Stanley J. Morrow Photograph Collection (P194)

Includes a photograph of sunset Fort Buford from 1872 (#116).

Timothy Nowak Collection (H2010-094)

This collection consists of maps, photographs, archaeological research materials, and microfilm on the history of Fort Randall compiled by Timothy Nowak, an archaeologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Includes ground plans and drawings of Fort Buford circa 1889. (MD 119, Folder 3)

Publications

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