

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

Fort Dakota (South Dakota)

Fort Dakota was established in May 1865 on the west bank of the Big Sioux River in present-day Sioux Falls by Lt. Col. John Pattee. The fort was decommissioned in 1869.

Collections

General Photo Collection - Fort Dakota (P93)

Includes a bird's eye view and images of the commanding officer's quarters, barracks, enlisted men's quarters, commissary storehouse, and kitchen.

Returns from U.S. Military Posts

Post returns for Fort Dakota in Dakota Territory from January 1866 to May 1869. Returns include the names of enlisted men and commissioned officers, ranks, regiments, companies, remarks, and a record of events for that month. (MF 1623)

Maps

[Colton's Dakota and Wyoming, 1868](#) - shows locations of forts (#1859 - MD 43, Folder 2)

[Vereingte Staaten von Nord Amerika, 1879](#) - shows forts, rivers, settlements in Dakota (MD 88)

Publications

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

Fort Dakota: Vol. 1, page 52; Vol. 3, page 98; Vol. 8, page 77-78; Vol. 12, page 321; Vol. 14, page 96, 112, 143; Vol. 20, page 88; Vol. 26, page 232

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

Fort Dakota: Vol. 34, page 346, 348, 352

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

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