

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

Fort George (South Dakota)

Fort George was a trading post located on the west bank of the Missouri River, nineteen miles downstream of Fort Pierre Chouteau. It was built in 1842 by the Union Fur Company in an attempt to break Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company's monopoly on fur trade in the region. The venture failed in 1845, and the post was abandoned. The site was inundated by the construction of the Big Bend Dam, and is now under Lake Sharpe.

Collections

General Photo Collection - Fort George (P93)

Includes an aerial photograph of the site of Fort George, just north of the mouth of Fort George Creek, and a view of the site of Fort George from the southeast. Also includes a 1903 view of Louis DeWitt's home with the site of Fort George in the distance. Several photographs were taken in 1901, including a view looking west-northwest, a view of the Ree Ditch around a Ree Village 0.75 miles from Fort George, the site of Fort George looking north, and a view of the Missouri River around the site of the Ree Village near the fort.

Pierre-Fort Pierre Miscellaneous (H75-347)

A collection of miscellaneous material on Fort George. (Box 03551 A)

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 George: Vol. 1, page 268, 275, 327-329, 438-440; Vol. 3, page 539; Vol. 9, page 181, 207; Vol. 10, page 439; Vol. 11, page 357; Vol. 31, page 265-268

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

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

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Vertical Files

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