

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

Fort Hale (South Dakota)

The Post at Lower Brule Indian Agency was established on June 8, 1870 and was located on the Missouri River near present-day Oacoma. On July 21, 1870, it was moved fifteen miles upstream to a site opposite the mouth of Crow Creek. It was renamed Fort Hale on December 30, 1870 in honor of Captain Owen Hale. The fort was abandoned in July 1884, and the buildings turned over to the Indian agent.

Collections

General Photo Collection - Fort Hale (P93)

Includes a panoramic view looking northeast toward Fort Hale and probably site of Fort Lookout military post, 1948; a bird's eye view of the buildings, circa 1882; remains of a dug-out stable and images of the location taken in 1962.

National Park Service Photograph - Fort Hale (89-172)

Collection contains photographs of historic sites along the Missouri River taken in the 1940s. (Box 05719)

Returns from U.S. Military Posts

Post returns for Fort Hale in Dakota Territory from July 1870 to July 1884. Returns include the names of enlisted men and commissioned officers, ranks, regiments, companies, remarks, and a record of events for that month. (MF 1624)

Publications

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

Fort Hale: Vol. 8, page 34, 36; Vol. 12, page 256-257; Vol. 24, page 480, 520, 549-556

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

Fort Hale: Vol. 7, page 245-247; Vol. 14, page 119, 241, 261; Vol. 26, page 10

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