

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

Fort Kiowa / Fort Lookout (South Dakota)

Fort Kiowa, also known as Fort Lookout, was a fur trading post, located on the west bank of the Missouri River about twelve miles upriver from the present-day city of Chamberlain. It was built in 1822 and operated through the late 1830s. Several other trading posts known as Fort Lookout were established in the area over the years, the last of which was abandoned by 1843. There was also a temporary military post established in the area from 1856-1857, also known as Fort Lookout. These sites are currently submerged under Lake Francis Case.

Collections

General Photo Collection - Fort Lookout (P94)

Includes images taken at the probable site of Fort Lookout / Fort Kiowa.

Fred Greguras Collection, ca 1890s-1950s (H2018-049)

This collection consists of brochures, manuals, booklets, and photographs of various military-related locations throughout South Dakota. The heart of the collection is photographs, dating from the late 1940s to the early 1950s, of military forts and ghost towns in South Dakota. Includes information on Fort Lookout. (Boxes 05058 B-C)

Publications

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Fort Lookout: Vol. 1, page 124, 268, 275, 288-289, 326-327, 423, 428-429, 433-438; Vol. 3, page 494; Vol. 10, page 175-185, 439; Vol. 12, page 253-256; Vol. 24, page 530-541, 543-547

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