

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

Fort Laramie (Wyoming)

Originally established as a private fur trading fort in 1834, Fort Laramie evolved into the largest and best-known military post on the Northern Plains before its abandonment in 1890. It was named a national monument in 1938 and is currently operated by the National Park Service.

Collections

Susan Bordeaux Bettelyoun Manuscript, 1934-1941 (H92-011)

Description of life at Fort Laramie from the daughter of James Bordeaux, a prominent trader. (MF 3238)

John R. Brennan Family Papers, 1882-1972 (H72-002)

Major Brennan was the superintendent of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Folder 1 of this collection contains a typescript copy of the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868. (Box 03344 B)

Fort Meade Photographs, 1905-1907 (H95-044)

This collection consists of photographs of Troop A, 6th Cavalry, from 1905 to 1907. There is also a black and white photograph of old Fort Laramie taken in 1906. (Box 06026 B)

General Photo Collection - Fort Laramie (P94)

Includes images of groups of American Indians taken by photographer Alexander Gardner in 1868, and scenes from a pageant held at Cheyenne Agency in 1951.

C. F. Hanke Letter, 1911 (H74-156)

A letter written by C. F. Hanke, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to Eben W. Martin in 1911 regarding government expenditures under the Fort Laramie and Black Hills Treaties. (Box 03475 A)

Maps

Captain Mix's Route to and from Fort Laramie to Black Hills Gordon Stockade, 1875 (MF 1846)

[Lt. C. D. Anderson's Route from Fort Laramie to Fort Randall, 1857](#) (#1860-1861 - MD 43, Folder 2)

[Route of Lt. Warren from Fort Laramie to Bear Butte, 1857 \(map created in 1929\)](#) (#280 - MD 25, Folder 1)

[Sketch Map Showing Lt. C. D. Anderson's Route from Fort Laramie to Fort Randall, 1857](#) (#220 - MD 24, Folder 4)

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

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Vertical Files

“Fort Laramie Monument and Pageant”

“Fort Laramie, 150th Anniversary”