

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

Fort Niobrara (Nebraska)

Fort Niobrara was located on the south bank of the Niobrara River opposite the mouth of Minnechaduza Creek, near present-day Valentine, Nebraska. It was established in April 1880 by Major John J. Upham and the Fifth U.S. Cavalry. It was abandoned in October 1906. In 1912, the area surrounding the old fort was declared a wildlife preserve.

Collections

John Anderson Photograph Collection, 1886-1902 (P184 to P185)

Includes images of the Crook Treaty Council, 1889; Fort Niobrara, 1886; Indian soldiers of Company I, U.S. Sixteenth Infantry at Rosebud, 1890; council held to persuade Indians to sell Tripp and Gregory counties, 1892; a funeral procession at Fort Niobrara; African American infantry at Fort Niobrara, 1902; officers at Fort Niobrara, 1902; interior of the canteen at Fort Niobrara, 1886; and a regiment camped near Fort Niobrara, 1885.

General Photo Collection - Fort Niobrara (P94)

Includes an image of a parade (possibly the Ninth Cavalry), and a bird's eye view of the fort from the north over the Niobrara River.

Stanley J. Morrow Photograph Collection (P194-198)

Photograph #121 in this collection is an image of Fort Niobrara.

Returns from U.S. Military Posts

Post returns for Fort Niobrara, Nebraska from 1880 to 1906. Returns include the names of enlisted men and commissioned officers, ranks, regiments, companies, remarks, and a record of events for that month. Also includes an historical sketch of the fort prepared in 1931 (MF 1626)

Maps

Military Reservations of Fort Niobrara, 1887 (MD 82)

[Plat of Fort Niobrara, 1887](#) (P94)

Publications

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

Fort Niobrara: Vol. 11, page 113; Vol. 17, page 239; Vol. 20, page 83, 86-87; Vol. 21, page 296, 308, 314-315; Vol. 28, page 226; Vol. 34, page 198; Vol. 37, page 48, 70, 72

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

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