

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

Fort Riley (Kansas)

Fort Riley was established in 1853 to safeguard the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails. It remains an active military installation.

Collections

General Photo Collection - Fort Riley (P95)

Contains a bird's eye view of the fort taken around 1866.

Javan Bradley Irvine Family Papers, 1859-1902 (H72-003)

Irvine, an army officer, served during the Civil War as well as at Fort Rice, Fort Thompson, and Fort Sully. This collection contains several letters written to his wife from 1865 to 1866, when he was stationed at Fort Riley. One letter also includes a hand-drawn sketch of the post. (Boxes 03346 A-B)

Marvin D. Morris World War II Letters, 1945-1946 (H2023-038)

This collection consists of World War II era letters (dating from 1945 and 1946), military correspondence, and other items pertaining to the life, military career, and death of Pfc. Marvin D. Morris. Includes letters sent by Marvin to his parents in Isabel from February 1945 to August 1946, a photograph and certificate from his time at Fort Riley, and a folder of telegrams and letters informing the family of his death. (Boxes 01086 A and 08555 C)

George and Lina Roskie Letters, 1901-1912 (H2013-097)

This collection consists of letters between state legislator George W. Roskie and his wife Lina (Evans) Roskie. The majority of the letters were sent while George attended the legislative session and worked in Pierre (1911-1912), but there are also three letters sent while George was serving with the South Dakota National Guard at Fort Riley in 1908. (Box 05825 B)

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