

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

Fort Stevenson (North Dakota)

Fort Stevenson was a frontier military fort that served as a supply depot for other military posts in Dakota Territory. It was established in 1867 at the mouth of Douglas Creek, about nine miles southwest of present-day Garrison, North Dakota, and replaced the second military post at Fort Berthold. The fort was abandoned by the military in 1883. The original fort site was inundated after the construction of Garrison Dam in 1953. Fort Stevenson State Park is located about four miles from the original fort's location and includes a replica of the fort's guardhouse.

Collections

General Photo Collection - Fort Stevenson (P97)

Consists of an image of the remains of Fort Stevenson taken in 1905.

Maps

Diagram of Exterior Boundaries of Fort Stevenson, 1885 (MD 90)

Map of the Military Reservation of Fort Stevenson, 1870 (MD 90)

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