

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

Fort Yates (North Dakota)

Fort Yates was established in 1874 and was originally referred to as the Post at Standing Rock Indian Agency. It was named Fort Yates in 1878, after Captain George Yates. The present-day town of Fort Yates, North Dakota, grew around the fort, which also served as the Standing Rock Agency headquarters. The military abandoned the fort in 1903.

Collections

General Photo Collection - Fort Yates (P97)

Includes the following images: map from 1890; commanding officer's quarters; view of the fort and Standing Rock Agency from northwest of the agency; cavalry paddock, 1896; bird's eye views; bakery; shooting gallery; exchange; ordnance store house and magazine; quartermaster's storehouse; tank and trestle; tank and bathhouse; granary; pump house; shops; guard house; administration building; hospital; new church at Kenel; cavalry stables and barracks; and the agency office.

James McLaughlin Papers, 1855-1937

Microfilm publication of Major James McLaughlin's correspondence, personal business records, notebooks, vouchers, checkbooks, employee lists, Standing Rock Indian Census (1891-1892), and Indian family histories. McLaughlin was an Indian Agent at Devil's Lake and Standing Rock. Collection contains 39 reels of microfilm, two of which are indexes for the rest of the collection. (MF 1390-1428)

Maps

Map showing position of the Fort Yates Military Post, 1887 (MD 90)

Publications

Vyzralek, Frank. Frank Bennett Fiske: The Standing Rock Portraits. Houten, the Netherlands: Terra, 2018.

Mentions in South Dakota Historical Collections. Pierre, SD: South Dakota State Historical Society.

Fort Yates: Vol. 4, page 185-186; Vol. 6, page 118; Vol. 8, page 47; Vol. 9, page 479; Vol. 27, page 128-132

Mentions in South Dakota History. Pierre, SD: South Dakota State Historical Society.

Fort Yates: Vol. 6, page 209, 222, 226; Vol. 14, page 117, 122; Vol. 20, page 262-264; Vol. 21, page 281, 297, 308-310; Vol. 29, page 41; Vol. 32, page 23; Vol. 40, page 103, 184