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FORT RANDALL, SOUTH DAKOTA.

~~Some~~ Information found in the War Department relating to that post.

Location and name.

Situated on the right bank of the Missouri River in Dakota Territory (now State of South Dakota) about 75 miles by land and 100 miles by water above Yankton. Named in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Randall, deputy paymaster general, who served in the Army from June 8, 1814 to the time of his death December 17, 1851.

Chronology of principal events.

May 9, 1856 the War Department authorized the establishment of a fort in that region, doubtless in connection with the Sioux Expedition of 1855-1856 into western Nebraska Territory.

June 26, 1856 Fort Randall was established.

June 14, 1860, an extensive military reservation surrounding Fort Randall and including land on both sides of the Missouri River was established by an executive order; area about 150 square miles, or about 96,000 acres.

September 9, 1867, the area of the reservation was reduced in size.

October 25, 1870, the area was restored to its original limits.

May 18, 1874, by an act of Congress, portions of land within the reservation occupied by settlers prior to June 14, 1860, were authorized and directed to be confirmed to such settlers by the Secretary of the Interior, with certain provisos.

July 5, 1884, by a general act of Congress (23 Stat., 103) providing for the disposal by the War Department of military reservations no longer needed for military purposes, a portion of the Fort Randall Reservation north of the Missouri River, about 24,503 acres, not already confirmed to settlers under the act of May 18, 1874, the Secretary of War was directed to turn over to the Secretary of the Interior for disposition.