

RG 98. Records of the
United States Army
Commands (Army Posts)

FORT WALLACE, KANSAS. (1865-82)

A camp which was named Pond Creek was established south of the South Fork of the Smoky Hill River on October 26, 1865. The first garrison consisted of Company A, 13th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, under Captain Dewitt C. McMichael but this company abandoned the site on February 14, 1866. The next spring the post was reoccupied by Regulars and the location was changed to a point near Pond City, in accordance with General Orders No. 33, Headquarters Department of the Missouri, March 10, 1866. The fort was once more moved to the junction of Pond Creek with the South Fork of the Smoky Hill River, two miles from Wallace Station. The name of the post was changed to Fort Wallace on April 18, 1866, in memory of Brigadier General W. H. L. Wallace who was killed at the Battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862, pursuant to General Orders No. 50, Headquarters Department of the Missouri, April 18, 1866. Fort Wallace was abandoned on May 31, 1882, in accordance with Special Orders No. 104, Headquarters Department of Missouri, May 22, 1882.

Records. 1866-82. 6 ft.

The records consist of copies of letters sent, 1866-82; copies of telegrams sent, 1871-80; endorsements, 1866-82; registers of letters received, 1867-82; post orders, 1866-82; record of countersigns and paroles, 1874-77; pass book, 1875-77; roster of commissioned and noncommissioned officers, 1875-76; and monthly statement of persons in arrest or confinement, 1880.