

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

FORT WAYNE, MICH. (1842-1948)

The site for this post was selected and construction began in 1842 at Spring Wells, near Detroit. This post was given the name Fort Wayne in honor of General Anthony Wayne of Revolutionary War fame, pursuant to General Orders No. 6, War Department, January 31, 1849. It was garrisoned on December 15, 1861, by Company F, 3rd U. S. Cavalry under the command of Captain Alfred Gibbs, in compliance with Special Orders No. 315, Headquarters of the Army, November 27, 1861. Fort Wayne saw service in both World Wars. In 1948 Fort Wayne became a part of the Detroit Arsenal.

Records. 1868-1940 (scattered dates). 25 ft.

The records consist of a decimal correspondence file, 1919-40; orders and circulars, 1868, 1917-27, 1932-39; rosters and returns, 1928-40; and morning report of general prisoners, 1902-04, 1906-08, and morning reports of casualties, 1906-07.

Also contains records of the post surgeon consisting of copies of letters and endorsements sent, 1896-1906; register of letters received, 1906-08; letters received, 1896-1908; medical history of the post, 1873-95; and descriptive book of hospital corpsmen, 1890-1905.