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"The city took its name from Fort Dodge, one of the earlier frontier military posts. Established in 1864, this post was located on the northern side of the Arkansas River, near a ford where a branch of the old Santa Fe trail crosses the river and where many overland wagontrains had been attacked by the plains Indians. Of these trains, many were destroyed entirely. Often they were burned, the men and children literally butchered, the women led away into captivity, Robert M. Wright told me.

"He was one of the earlier merchants and frontiersmen of Dodge City. Caught in one of these raids, he had been an unwilling witness of these terrible scenes, though finally he managed to escape."