

FORT GARLAND, COLO. (1858-83)

In compliance with Orders No. 24, 9th Military Department, a new post was established June 22, 1852, on the West bank of Utah Creek and named Fort Massachusetts. It was first garrisoned by Company F, 1st Dragoons and Company H, 3rd Infantry. Fort Massachusetts was garrisoned until June 24, 1858, when in compliance with General Orders No. 7, War Department, the garrison comprised of Company A, 3rd Infantry, and Company E, Mounted Riflemen, were transferred to the new Fort Garland about two miles above Fort Massachusetts. Fort Garland was abandoned by Company A, 22nd Infantry, on November 30, 1883, in compliance with Special Orders No. 236, Department of the Missouri.

Records. 1860-83. 6 ft.

The records are extremely fragmentary, even for the dates noted, but they include copies of letters sent, 1860-63, 1866-69, and 1872-83; registers of letters received, 1872 and 1878-83; letters received, 1868-83; endorsements, 1869-72 and 1875-83; orders, 1865-83; letters sent by the recruiting officer at the post, 1883; and letters sent by the post quartermaster, 1881. There are also among the records copies of orders of Camp G. H. Collins, 1875 (the earliest one is of the Camp on French Creek, Dak. Ter.).