



VIEW OF OFFICERS' QUARTERS AT OLD FORT LARNED, PHOTOGRAPHED IN 1860'S

**Come once . . .
.. and you'll come again**

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SEE...

- Nine massive stone buildings that comprise Fort Larned. Built in the 1860's to replace adobe structures, they are still preserved in the original state, around the garrison parade ground.
- Museum where Indian artifacts of the area and hundreds of military and pioneer items are displayed.
- See the guns that won the West, including the "Old Colts," Sharps and Springfields.
- Officer's Quarters carefully refurnished with antique pieces and pioneer relics.
- Museum of horse-drawn vehicles.
- Old Harness Shop and display of early saddles.
- Gunports used by troops to protect the Fort on the one side where the Pawnee River offered no barrier.
- Old Escape Tunnel now open to the public.
- Original Blacksmith and Wheelright Shop with preserved forge, bellows, and tools. Thousands of horses, mules and oxen were shod here.

Fort Larned in conjunction with Explorer Post 421, Kanza Council, offers overnight sleeping facilities for Scouts and other organized groups accompanied by Leaders. For reservations or information contact:

**FORT LARNED
LARNED, KANSAS**

Operated by the Fort Larned Historical Society, Inc., a non-profit corporation. Fort Larned has been approved by the Advisory Board of the National Park Service (Dept. of Interior) as the site on the Santa Fe Trail "having exceptional value in commemorating or illustrating the history of the United States."

Historic FORT LARNED



The pages of frontier history come to life with a visit to Fort Larned, Only preserved military post on the Santa Fe Trail.

**SIX MILES WEST OF LARNED, KANSAS
ON U.S. HIGHWAY 156**

FACTS ABOUT FORT LARNED

- ... West's only completely preserved **Indian Wars** post.
- ... Established as first military post West of Fort Riley in 1859 to guard mails and travelers on the most dangerous part of the **Santa Fe Trail**.
- ... **Quadrangle** of 9 buildings measures 500' x 500'.
- ... More than 100 battles and skirmishes fought out of **Fort Larned** with Indians.
- ... Under siege many times, over 500 troopers, plainsmen and Indians were killed or wounded within 30 miles of **Fort Larned**.
- ... Battle of Washita and campaign of 1868 which broke the back of southern Plains Indians was planned here by Generals Sheridan and Custer.
- ... Major J. E. B. Stuart, later of Civil War fame, led troops to subdue Kiowas and Comanches.
- ... Buffalo Bill Cody, Wild Bill Hickok served here as scouts. Col. Kit Carson was a frequent visitor.
- ... Served as Indian agency for Kiowas and Cheyennes, Plains-Apaches, and Arapahoes under such Indian agents as Col. Jesse Leavenworth and Major Edward Wyncoop.
- ... Designated by Army during the Civil War as marshalling point for west-bound wagons which were ordered not to move without Fort troops to escort them. 1,000 covered wagons, 4 abreast, started west from **Fort Larned** in a single day.
- ... Five museums housed in original military buildings display Indian artifacts, military equipment and pioneer costumes and relics.
- ... **Fort Larned** is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the summer and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in winter.

Fort Larned is easily reached from all major Highways and is an outstanding historical and educational attraction on U. S. 56, the Old Santa Fe Trail route.

HOW TO REACH HISTORIC FORT LARNED

