

“BEYOND THE BROCHURE” Fort Larned National Park Service

What was the mission of Fort Larned 1859 – 1878? Circle one.

- a) To protect the US mail wagons on the Santa Fe Trail
- b) To protect commerce on the Santa Fe Trail
- c) To protect railroad construction crews
- d) To serve as an Indian Annuity distribution point
- e) All of the above

Why should you care about the story and preservation of this old fort? Circle the best answer.

- a) It played an important role in Western expansion
- b) you want to impress others with your knowledge
- c) When we care about irreplaceable historic resources we preserve the cultural identity of our communities and people.

“Beyond the Brochure” is for adults who want to explore. This won’t take you long...if you are a keen observer!

WHAT IS IT?

Try finding and identifying the objects below. Don't forget to take a Fort Larned brochure so you can write down which building each object is in. Once discovered – choose the best answer!



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- a) An army cot used for guests
- b) A hospital cot used for the sick
- c) A field litter used to carry the wounded
- d) 19th century chaise lounge

Location _____

- a) A hot tub for officer's only
- b) A container for wood ashes from the stove
- c) A sitz tub for bathing for medical treatment
- d) Fort Christmas party punch bowl

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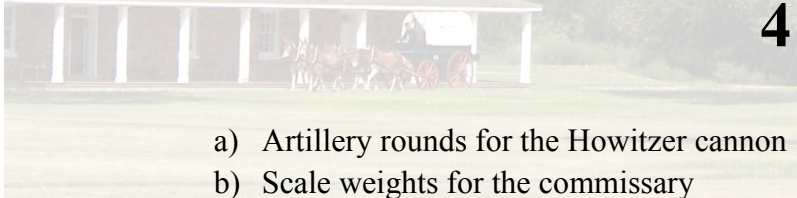
Location _____



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- a) A cone shaped anvil for shaping bullets
- b) A cone mandrel used to shape metal rings
- c) A wagon racing pylon
- d) A dunce cap for very bad soldiers

Location _____



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- a) Artillery rounds for the Howitzer cannon
- b) Scale weights for the commissary
- c) US Army issued doorstops
- d) Large scale musket training round



Location _____

\$ REAL PRICES \$

ITEM	SUTLER'S STORE \$ (1863)	AVERAGE MARKET \$ (2012)
Apples (bushel)	3.50	14.00
Beer (12 oz. glass)	.14	2.50
Brown Sugar (lb.)	.18	.89
Butter (lb.)	.28	_____?
Peaches	.85	.99
Cheddar Cheese (lb.)	.22	5.90 (Swiss)
Coffee (lb.)	.60	_____?
Eggs (dozen)	.30	2.60
Flour (sack)	4.75	3.99 (5 lb)
Tea (lb.)	1.25	_____?
Potatoes (bushel)	2.25	

Beer: What would a 12-pack cost in 1863? _____

Butter in 2012 is 10 times the cost it was in 1863. Fill in the blank above.

Cheddar cheese is 25 times more expensive now than in 1863. Which is more expensive now, Swiss or Cheddar? _____

Coffee and Tea: List how much you pay for a pound or simply a cup when traveling.

A pound of tea makes 180 cups. Referring to the 1863 price—how much was a cup of tea?

Pounds are to Weight as Bushels are to _____

To put this into perspective 2012 minimum wage earnings are \$1,160/month. In 1867 common laborers made \$35/month and in 1860 farm wages are estimated at \$16/month.