

View of officers' quarters at Old Fort Larned, photographed in 1860's.



View of officers' quarters at Old Fort Larned, photographed today, showing quarters still intact.

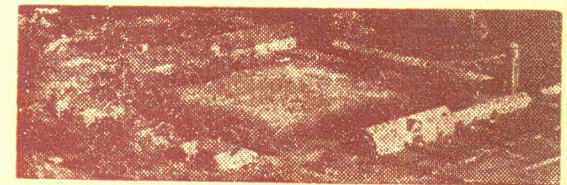
Come once . . .  
... and you'll come again.

# See!

- Nine massive stone buildings that comprise Fort Larned. Built in the middle 1860's to replace adobe structures, they are still preserved in their original state.
- Museum where Indian artifacts of the area and hundreds of pioneer items are displayed.
- Valuable antique gun and rifle collection and the "Old Colts" that won the West.
- Officer's Quarters carefully refurnished with antique pieces and pioneer pieces.
- 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 opened to the public.
- Original Blacksmith and Wheelright Shop with preserved forge, bellows, and tools. Thousands of horses, mules and oxen were shod here.
- 100 year old Parade Ground with a massive 90 foot flagpole in its center.

## VISIT--- Historic

# FORT LARNED



Fort Larned is an excellent surviving example of a frontier military post, and the best preserved along the Santa Fe trail.

Operated by the Fort Larned Historical Society,  
a non-profit organization.

LOCATED: 6 miles West of Larned, Kansas,  
on Highway U.S.-156,  
The Santa Fe Trail



# Facts About Fort Larned

- Established and manned as first military post West of Fort Riley in 1859 to guard mails and travelers on Santa Fe Trail.
- Served as Indian agency for nearly 9 years with Col. Leavenworth and other famed Indian agents in charge.
- West's only perfectly preserved Plains Wars post.
- Quadrangle of 9 buildings measures 500 by 500 feet—except for slight alteration in roof lines, buildings remain unchanged.
- More than 100 battles and skirmishes fought out of Fort Larned with Indians.
- More than 500 troopers, plainmen and Indians killed or wounded within 30 miles of massive 2-foot stone walls.
- Under siege many times by Plains Indians.
- Served Kiowas, Cheyennes, Plains Apaches and Arapahoes as Indian agency—8,500 Indians rationed here at one time.
- Generals Custer, Sherman, Sheridan, Hazen, Hancock, Terry, Blunt served here.
- Battle of Washita and campaign of 1868 which broke back of southern Plains Indians planned here by Generals Custer and Sheridan in 1868.
- Designated by War Department during 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, 10 abreast started west from Fort Larned in single day.
- Buffalo Bill Cody, Wild Bill Hickock served here as scouts. Col. Kit Carson frequent visitor.
- Visitors will see blacksmith shop, stone forge, bellows which shod tens of thousands of Santa Fe Trail horses, mules and oxen, and a museum of tools.
- Large museum with Indian collection dating back 2,000 years, big gun collection, Pioneer Room, Costume Room, dugout canoe, square piano and other antique musical instruments.
- Another museum 40 by 60 feet featuring horse-drawn equipment, including western buckboards, horse-drawn ambulance, surreys, old garrison's gun racks, etc.
- Line of buildings 500 feet long with more than 100 rifle ports and museum containing old guns, Indian artifacts and other mementos of pioneer days.
- Indian tepee and covered wagon display.
- Fort Larned is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in summer and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in winter.

## HOW TO REACH HISTORIC FORT LARNED.

