

U.S. ARMY FORTS IN MN	ESTABLISHED	COUNTY	PURPOSE, MORE INFORMATION SOURCES
Ft. Snelling	1819	Hennepin	to enforce laws on the early frontier
Ft. Ripley	1849	Crow Wing	to maintain order among the Winnebago Indians who had been removed from Iowa to a nearby reservation.
Fort Ridgely	1853	Nicollet	to protect settlers and maintain order among the Dakota who had been transferred to the reservation in the Minnesota Valley in 1853.
Fort Abercrombie	1857	on edge of MN Territory by Wahpeton & Breckenridge.	to protect settlers. It became an important gateway to the northwest. http://www.ftabercrombie.org/ftabersiege.html http://www.riverkeepers.org/images/uploads/Neomas_Red_River_of_the_North_Story_with_Forward_Web_Version_Compressed_Size.pdf http://www.ftabercrombie.org/the-siege-of-fort-abercrombie.html sketch: DW 54-55
Fort Wadsworth	1864	in current day Marshall County in n.e. South Dakota	to protect Minnesota settlers from hostile Dakota who had been driven from Minnesota but were still harassing Minnesota settlers in 1863, 1864 and 1865. DU 294 https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Minnesota_Military_Records see also: Posts in the Minnesota Fur-Trading Area 1660-1855 http://collections.mnhs.org/MNHHistoryMagazine/articles/11/v11i04p353-385.pdf
STOCKADES (settlers' forts or military garrisons)			
source: The Dakota War of 1862, Kenneth Carley			to provide protection to settlers in nearby towns and farms.
NAME		COUNTY	
Anoka		Anoka	
Tivoli, Mankato, Winnebago		Blue Earth	
New Ulm		Brown	
Winnebago		Blue Earth	
Chisago Lakes, Sunrise		Chisago	

Alexandria, Chippewa Station	Douglas	
Blue Earth	Faribault	
Pomme de Terre	Grant	
Heron Lake, Jackson, Lake Little Spirit	Jackson	
Marysburg	LeSueur	
Fairmont, Fort Britt, Fort Chanyaska, Martin Lake	Martin	
Hutchinson, Glencoe, Brownton	McLeod	Historic marker for the Hutchinson stockade is located at the corner of Washington Ave E and Hassan St SE Hutchinson MN in a public park.
Pipe Lake, Kingston, Forest City, Manannah	Meeker	
Princeton	Mille Lac	
Buck Stockade	Olmsted	
Lake Johanna	Pope	
Clark's Lake	Scott	
New Auburn, Gaylord, Fort Goodhue	Sibley	
Fairhaven, Maine Prairie, Paynesville, Richmond, St. Joseph, Sauk Center	Stearns	see DW
Garden City, Madelia (Fort Cox), South Bend	Watanwon	
Rockford (Fort Harrian?), Clearwater, Monticello	Wright	
Spirit Lake, Iowa		DU 184
Estherville, Iowa		DU 184
	http://www.northamericanforts.com/West/mn.html#sioux	