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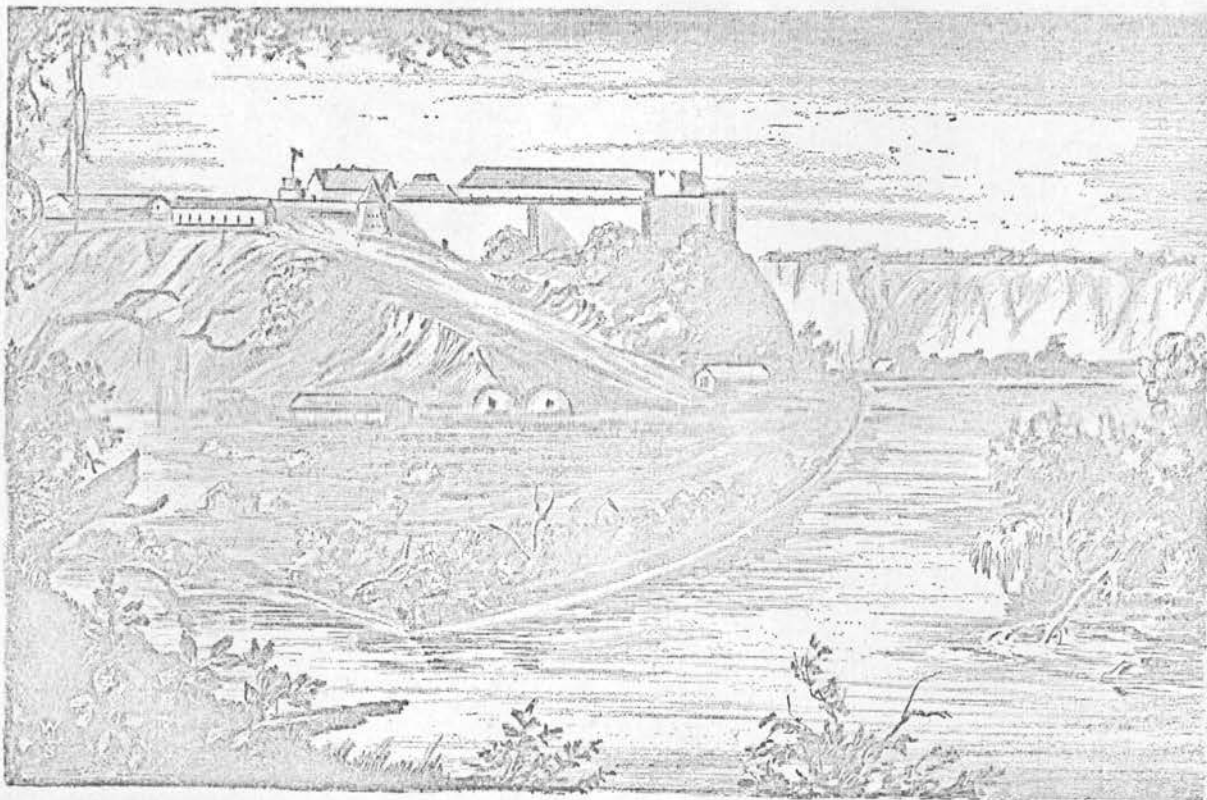
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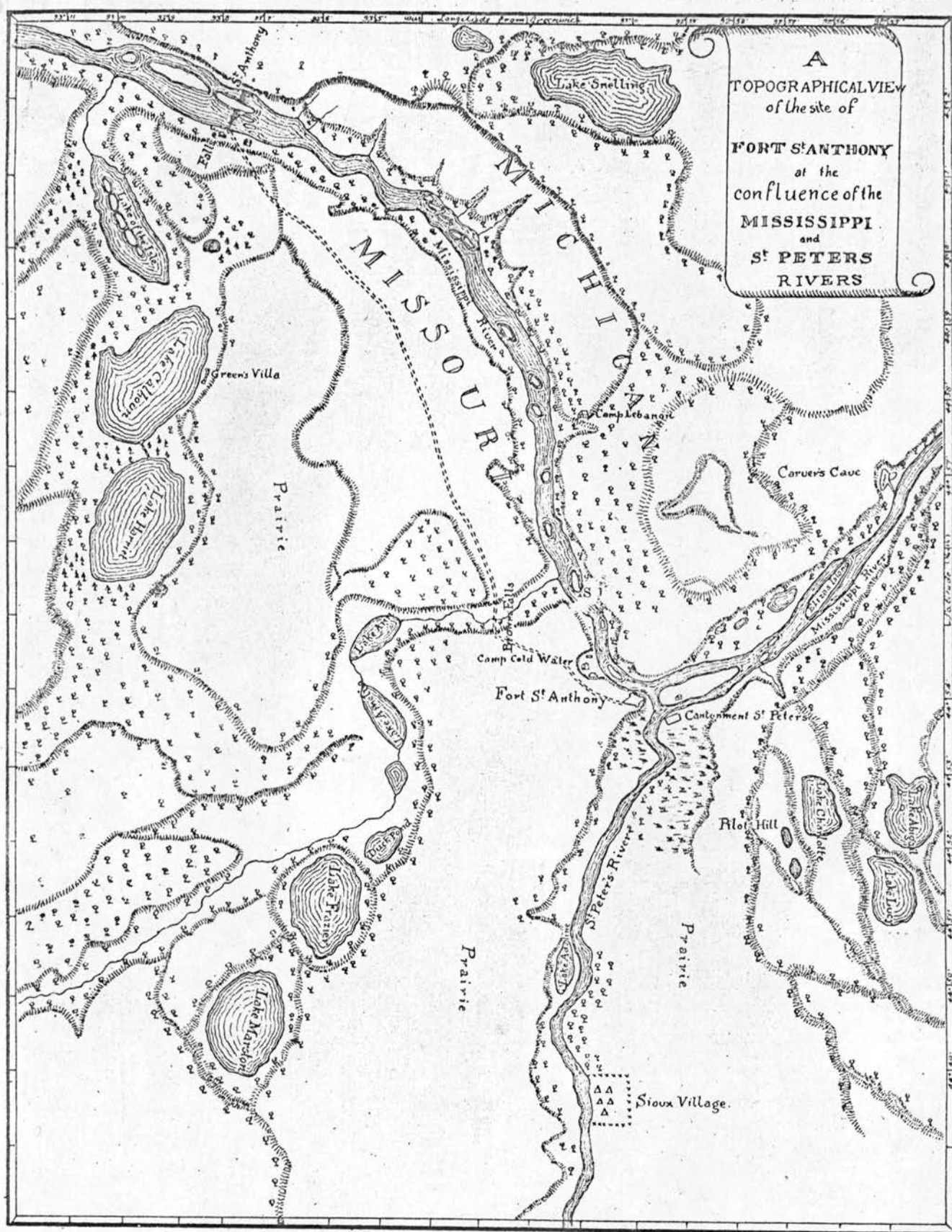
HISTORIC FORT SNELLING



by
MAJOR JOHN R. HOLT
U. S. ARMY



1938



An exact reproduction of a map drawn in 1823 by an officer of the 5th Infantry, U.S.A. stationed at Fort St. Anthony, (which in 1824 became Fort



Snelling), showing the territory adjacent to that Post.

The original was found among the papers of the late Gen. Henry H. Sibley.

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Te-day is the 9 of October 1964-1964, Thursday PM. USAR Center Fort Snelling, Minn.

today in the vine-clad walls of this beautiful memorial chapel.

Fort Snelling bore an important part in bringing civilization to this part of our country - your part of it, the State of Minnesota - and in the erection of this building you have shown that you do not forget. We know that Fort Snelling holds a warm spot in your hearts.

And Fort Snelling's garrison of today - the vast majority of us newcomers since this chapel was built - want you to know that we appreciate and reciprocate that friendly feeling. Most of the young soldiers at Fort Snelling are sons of Minnesota and the neighboring states. A small percentage of them may occasionally break over the bounds of soldierly deportment and discipline - but that percentage is very small. The influence of this chapel tends toward making that small percentage even smaller. In general the soldiers of your Army are fine types of young American manhood, decent, self-respecting, proud of their country, proud to wear her uniform, and proud to serve under her flag.

Old Fort Snelling on its river-girt cliff had all the grandeur of a Rhenish stronghold. Not much of that old Fort remains, but the flag which floated over its battlements now floats over the greatest country on earth. May that spirit of mutual confidence, and respect which inspired the people of this community to cooperate with Fort Snelling's garrison to build this chapel to the glory of God, inspire America's people of all classes to work together for the common good. May the simple soldierly virtues of discipline, devotion to duty, loyalty and comradeship, in the hearts of America's sons, continue to make our country good and great, and add luster to that same starry flag which waved so proudly over the stone battlements of old Fort Snelling.

IN REPLY

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER

REFER TO:

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December 1, 1938

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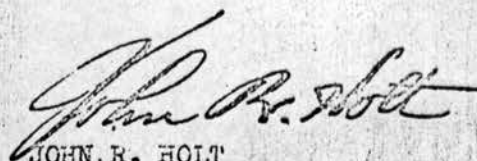
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, April 24, 1939.

Fort Snelling, Minnesota - metes and bounds.—The following description of the metes and bounds of Fort Snelling, Minnesota, as furnished by The Quartermaster General, April 11, 1939, is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Metes and bounds description of boundary

The United States military reservation known as Fort Snelling is situated approximately seven miles southwest of the center of the business district of Saint Paul, at the junction of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, on the west banks thereof, in townships 27 and 28 north, range 23 west of the fourth principal meridian, in Hennepin County, State of Minnesota, and the boundaries are more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the W 1/16 corner between section 6, township 27 north, range 23 west and section 31, township 28 north, range 23 west, and running thence:

- (1) North zero degrees fifteen minutes west (N. 0° 15' W), along the W 1/16 line of said section 31, to the south corner of the Fort Snelling National Cemetery, from which corner the bearing and distance to a stone monument 6 inches square, marking the W 1/16 corner between sections 30 and 31, is N. 0° 15' W., 4,412.9 feet; thence:
- (2) North thirty-eight degrees twenty-eight minutes east (N. 38° 28' E.), five thousand six hundred thirty-six and five tenths (5,636.5) feet, along the southeasterly line of the said cemetery, to the easterly corner thereof, being a point in the north line of section 31, from which point the bearing and distance to a stone monument, engraved with the letters "U. S." on the east face, marking the northeast corner of said section 31, is east, 423.2 feet; thence:
- (3) East, four hundred twenty-three and two tenths (523.2) feet, along the said north line of section 31, to the said stone monument marking the northeast corner of section 31; thence:
- (4) North, along the west line of sections 29 and 20, township 28 north, range 23 west, to the southwest corner of the 160-acre tract, the use of which was transferred to the United States Veterans' Administration (Bureau) by Executive Order No. 4282, dated August 11, 1925, from which corner the bearing and distance to the northwest corner of the said section 20, along the west line of section 20, is north, 2,120 feet; thence:

- (5) East, two thousand one hundred ninety-six (2,196) feet, more or less, along the south line of the said Veterans' Administration tract, to a point in the westerly line of the Minneapolis Street Railway Company (formerly Twin City Rapid Transit Company) right-of-way; thence:
- (6) Northerly, eight hundred twenty-seven (827) feet, more or less, along the said westerly right-of-way line, which line is also the easterly line of the Veterans' Administration tract, to a point in the N 1/16 line of said section 20; thence:
- (7) East, along said N 1/16 line of section 20, which line is also the south line of the said Veterans' Administration tract, to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi River; thence:
- (8) Southeasterly, southerly, and southwesterly, along the middle of the main channels of the Mississippi River, the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers at the head of Pike Island, and the Minnesota River, to a point in the east-west center line of section 5, township 27 north, range 23 west, thence:
- (9) Southwesterly, westerly, and northwesterly, to and along the middle of Cohn's Creek, to its intersection with the east-west center line of said section 5; thence:
- (10) West, along the said east-west center line, to the west line of said section 5; thence:
- (11) North, along the said west line of section 5, to the Northwest corner thereof; thence:
- (12) West, along the south line of section 31, township 28 north, to the point of beginning.

The directions of the lines refer to the true meridian.

The reservation as described contains an area of two thousand forty-three and nineteen hundredths (2,043.19 acres, more or less, subject to a right-of-way occupied by the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railway Company, which occupancy began prior to the act of May 7, 1870 (16 Stat. 376), and also subject to the rights acquired by the public over the highways as granted by the follow-

ing permits; (a) permit to the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County dated January 29, 1925, amended by supplemental permits dated January 27, 1928 and June 18, 1929; (b) permit to Ramsey County dated October 26, 1927; (c) permit to the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County dated October 27, 1927; (d) permit to Hennepin County dated December 4, 1923, amended by supplemental permit dated January 27, 1928.

The metes and bounds description as published in Section II, General Orders, No. 67, May 3, 1905 (1006446, M.S.O.), and Section II, General Orders, No. 34, March 14, 1908 (1114938D-M.S.O.) is hereby rescinded.

(A.G. 600.93 (4-11-39)).

By order of the Secretary of War:

MALIN CRAIG,
Chief of Staff

Official:

E. S. ADAMS,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

NAW-JRM/O/1kb

November 14, 1938.

MEMORANDUM)

NO.....133)

RE-NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS

1. Pursuant to instructions from the War Department, all buildings, structures, etc., at this station will be re-numbered by the following method, viz:

- (a) The reservation is divided into six (6) sections.
- (b) A consecutive series of fifty (50) numbers is assigned each of the first four (4) sections, and one hundred (100) numbers each to the last two (2) sections.
- (c) That each building have one (1) number.
- (d) Each building containing more than one part, such as a multi-stalled garage or two-family quarters, will have its separate parts lettered starting from the right and /or lower part.
- (e) Any temporary building located on the post proper will have the letter "T" preceding the number.
- (f) Temporary buildings in the Cantonment Area will be left "as is" until the present construction now under way is nearing completion, when all such buildings will be re-numbered in the block T-301 to T-400.

2. A new post map is now being made and will be distributed as soon as available. When issued, all other maps of the post will be considered obsolete.

3. For the information and guidance of all concerned, the Section, New Number, Old Number, and Designation of each building, structure, etc., on the post proper are listed herewith:

FIRST SECTION

(Numbers in this area limited to 1-50)

NEW NUMBERS	:	OLD NUMBERS	:	DESIGNATION OF BUILDINGS
1	:	K-1	:	Commanding General's Quarters (1 set)
2 (a to f)	:	K-2	:	Officers' Quarters (6 sets)
3	:	K-8	:	Hexagonal Tower
T-4 (a to j)	:	D-12	:	Garage (10 stalls)
5 (a & b)	:	D-10 and 11	:	Officers' Quarters (2 sets)
6 (a to d)	:	D-14	:	Garage (4 stalls)
7 (a & b)	:	D-8 and 9	:	Officers' Quarters (2 sets)
8 (a & b)	:	D-6 and 7	:	Officers' Quarters (2 sets)
9 (a & b)	:	D-4 and 5	:	Officers' Quarters (2 sets)
10	:	D-3	:	Officers' Quarters (1 set)
11 (a & b)	:	D-1 and 2	:	Officers' Quarters (2 sets)
T-12 (a to h)	:	D-13	:	Garage (8 stalls)
13	:	K-5	:	Bridge on Mississippi River
14	:	K-6	:	Post Exchange.
15	:	K-3	:	Meter House
16	:	K-7	:	Round Tower
17 (a & b)	:	K-11	:	Barracks (2 companies)
18 (a & b)	:	K-12	:	Barracks (2 Companies)
19	:	F-8	:	Machine Gun Cart Shed
20	:	G-8	:	Machine Gun Cart Shed
21	:	G-9	:	Machine Gun Cart Shed

FIRST SECTION - Continued

NEW NUMBERS	:	OLD NUMBERS	:	DESIGNATION OF BUILDINGS
22	:	F-1	:	Ordnance Warehouse
23	:	K-9	:	Ordnance Magazine
24	:	F-47	:	Service Company Wagon Shed
25	:	F-34	:	Stablo
26	:	F-33	:	Stablo Guard House
27	:	F-35	:	Stablo
28	:	F-36	:	Warehouse
29	:	F-32	:	Stablo Guard House
30	:	F-37	:	Service Company Garage
31	:	K-10	:	Ordnance Warehouse
32	:	K-4	:	Chapel
33	:	F-28	:	Barracks
34	:	F-29	:	Barracks

SECOND SECTION

(Numbers in this area limited to 51-100)

51	:	---	:	Stadium
52	:	G-7	:	Post Theatre
53	:	G-5	:	Gymnasium
54	:	---	:	Medical Detachment Barracks
55	:	G-3	:	Station Hospital
56	:	G-4	:	N.C.O. Medical Dept. Quarters
57	:	C-9	:	Barracks, Band
58	:	C-11	:	Flag Staff
59 (a & b)	:	E-7 & 8	:	N.C.O. Quarters (2 sets)
60	:	E-11	:	Tower & Tank
61 (a to g)	:	G-14	:	Garage (7 stalls)
62	:	G-6	:	N.C.O. Quarters (1 set)
63 (a to h)	:	C-6	:	N.C.O. Quarters (8 sets)
64	:	C-10	:	Fire Station
65	:	C-4	:	Guard House
66	:	C-13	:	Signal Corps Office and Barracks
67	:	C-1	:	Post Headquarters
68	:	C-12	:	N.C.O. Club
69 (a to h)	:	C-14	:	Garage (8 stalls)
70 (a & b)	:	E-1	:	N.C.O. Quarters (2 sets)
71 (a & b)	:	E-2	:	N.C.O. Quarters (2 sets)
72 (a & b)	:	E-3	:	N.C.O. Quarters (2 sets)
73 (a & b)	:	E-4	:	N.C.O. Quarters (2 sets)
74 (a & b)	:	E-5	:	N.C.O. Quarters (2 sets)
75 (a & b)	:	E-6	:	N.C.O. Quarters (2 sets)
76 (a to d)	:	F-4	:	N.C.O. Quarters (4 sets)

NOTE:- Temporary Medical Det. Barracks not included in above - to be removed. Old Pump House (formerly E-9) not included in above - abandoned and dropped from Historical Record.

THIRD SECTION

(Numbers in this area limited to 101-150)

NEW NUMBERS	:	OLD NUMBERS	:	DESIGNATION OF BUILDINGS
101 (a & b)	:	B-1	:	Barracks (2 Companies)
102 (a & b)	:	B-2	:	Barracks (2 Companies)
103 (a & b)	:	B-3	:	Barracks (2 Companies)
T-104	:	B-16	:	Indoor Range
105 (a & b)	:	B-4	:	Barracks (2 Companies)
106 (a & b)	:	B-5	:	Barracks (2 Companies)
107 (a & b)	:	B-6	:	Barracks (2 Companies)
T-108 (a to f)	:	B-29	:	Garage (6 stalls)
T-109 (a to x)	:	B-25	:	Garage (24 stalls)
110	:	B-8	:	Swimming Pool
T-111	:	---	:	Cantonment Guard House
112	:	L-11	:	Q.M. Warehouse
113	:	B-7	:	Radio Station
114	:	B-10	:	Officer's Country Club
115	:	B-10-A	:	Garage (1 stall)
116	:	----	:	Pump House (Golf Course)
T-117 (a & b)	:	E-10	:	N.C.O. Quarters (2 sets)
T-118 (a & b)	:	E-14	:	Service Club and N.C.O. Quarters (2 sets)
119 (a & b)	:	C-7	:	N.C.O. Quarters (2 sets)

FOURTH SECTION

(Numbers in this area limited to 151-200)

151 (a to i)	:	A-20	:	Officers' Quarters (9 sets)
152	:	A-1	:	Officers' Quarters
153	:	A-2	:	Officers' Quarters
154	:	A-3	:	Officers' Quarters
155	:	A-4	:	Officers' Quarters
156	:	A-5	:	Officers' Quarters
157 (a & b)	:	A-21 & 22	:	Officers' Quarters (2 sets)
158	:	A-6	:	Officers' Quarters
159	:	A-7	:	Officers' Quarters
160	:	A-8	:	Officers' Quarters
161	:	A-9	:	Officers' Quarters
162	:	A-10	:	Officers' Quarters
163	:	---	:	This lot reserved for new building
164	:	A-11	:	Officers' Quarters
165 (a to d)	:	A-25	:	Officers' Quarters (4 sets)
166	:	---	:	This lot reserved for new building
167 (a to d)	:	A-26	:	Officers' Quarters (4 sets)
168	:	A-13	:	Officers' Quarters
169 (a to b)	:	A-23 and 24	:	Officers' Quarters (2 sets)
170	:	A-14	:	Officers' Quarters
171 (a to d)	:	A-15	:	Officers' Quarters
172	:	A-16	:	Officers' Quarters
173	:	A-17	:	Officers' Quarters
174	:	A-18	:	Officers' Quarters
175	:	---	:	This lot reserved for new building
176	:	A-19	:	Officers' Quarters
T-177	:	T-165	:	Reserve Officers' Quarters

FOURTH SECTION - Continued

NEW NUMBERS	:	OLD NUMBERS	:	DESIGNATION OF BUILDINGS
178 (a to j)	:	A-28	:	Garage (10 stalls)
T-179 (a to j)	:	A-33	:	Garage (10 stalls)
T-180 (a to d)	:	A-32	:	Garage (4 stalls)
T-181 (a to j)	:	A-34	:	Garage (10 stalls)
T-182 (a to h)	:	A-30	:	Garage (8 stalls)
T-183 (a to l)	:	A-27	:	Garage (12 stalls)
T-184 (a to h)	:	A-29	:	Garage (8 stalls)
T-185 (a & b)	:	A-31	:	Garage (2 stalls)

FIFTH SECTION

(Numbers in this area limited to 201-300)

201	:	F-42	:	Riding Hall
202	:	F-24	:	Gun Shed
203	:	F-22	:	Stables
204	:	F-25	:	Stable Guard House
205	:	F-27	:	Work Shop
206	:	F-26	:	Work Shop
207	:	F-23	:	Gun Shed
208 (a to x)	:	F-6	:	Garage (24 stalls) (CCC)
209	:	F-21	:	Warehouse (CCC)
210	:	F-43	:	Ordnance & C.W.S. Office and Warehouse.
211	:	F-49	:	Tank Park
212	:	F-44	:	Barracks (Q.M. Detachment)
T-213 (a to l)	:	F-5	:	Garage (12 stalls)
214	:	F-56	:	Veterinary Hospital and Q.M. Warehouse
215	:	F-57	:	Q.M. Gasoline Station
216	:	F-59	:	Garage (CCC)
217	:	F-7	:	Q.M. Warehouse
218	:	F-11	:	Warehouse (CCC)
219	:	F-10	:	Wheelwright Shop
220	:	F-58	:	Post Exchange Gasoline Station
221	:	F-64	:	Office, District Quartermaster (CCC)
222	:	F-14, 18 & 19	:	Bakery, Commissary, Q.M. Office & Warehouse
223	:	F-61	:	Warehouse (CCC)
224	:	F-16	:	Utilities Shops
225	:	F-60	:	Paint Shop
T-226	:	F-3	:	Scale Office
227 (a & b)	:	F-30 & 31	:	N.C.O. Quarters (2 sets)
T-228 (a to f)	:	F-45	:	Garage (6 stalls)
229 (a to d)	:	F-38 to 41	:	N.C.O. Quarters (4 sets)
230	:	---	:	W.P.A. Warehouse (Built 1938)
231	:	H-1	:	Magazine, Ordnance
232	:	H-4	:	Magazine, Ordnance
233	:	H-5	:	Magazine, Ordnance
234	:	H-6	:	Magazine, Ordnance
235	:	F-13	:	Warehouse (CCC)
236	:	F-17	:	Q.M. Shed
237	:	F-2	:	Grainary
238	:	F-20	:	Forage Shed
239	:	F-15	:	Oil House

FIFTH SECTION - Continued

NEW NUMBERS	:	OLD NUMBERS	:	DESIGNATION OF BUILDINGS
240	:	F-53	:	N.C.O. Quarters
241	:	F-50	:	N.C.O. Quarters
242	:	F-48	:	N.C.O. Quarters
243 (a to g)	:	F-62	:	Garage (7 stalls)
244	:	F-51	:	N.C.O. Quarters
245	:	F-52	:	N.C.O. Quarters
246	:	F-54	:	N.C.O. Quarters
247	:	F-55	:	N. C.O. Quarters
248	:	E-12	:	N.C.O. Quarters
249	:		:	Garage (1 stall)
250	:	F-46	:	N.C.O. Quarters
251	:		:	Garage (1 stall)
252	:	H-3	:	N.C.O. Quarters

NOTE:- Old Building F-4 (4 sets of N.C.O. Quarters) dropped from Historical Record, relocated southeast of Post Headquarters, and re-numbered Building 76.

4. The Post Quartermaster is charged with the re-numbering of the buildings in question.

5. The utilization of new numbers is effective as of January 1, 1939.

By Command of Brigadier General HODGES:

"Historian"

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NORRIS A. WIMBERLEY,
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Adjutant.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Col. Ijams, Assistant Administrator
FROM : The Solicitor
SUBJECT: Jurisdiction over lands at Veterans Administration Facility, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

DATE: FEB 13 1945
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There is set forth below for your information and for inclusion in the title file a summary of the jurisdictional status of the lands comprising the reservation of the Veterans Administration Facility at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The lands to be used for the above described facility were a part of the Fort Snelling, Minnesota, Military Reservation, 160 acres, more or less, of which was transferred to the then United States Veterans' Bureau by Executive Order No. 4282, dated August 11, 1925. Consequently, the jurisdiction over the lands comprising the facility reservation is the same as that of the Fort Snelling Military Reservation, the history and jurisdictional status of which is stated in War Department publication Military Reservations, dated July 20, 1939, as follows:

"History. - Originally named Fort St. Anthony. Name changed to Fort Snelling by General Orders, No. 1, Adjutant General's Office, 1825. Named in honor of Colonel Josiah Snelling, Infantry, United States Army (A. G. 062.13 Mil. Res., Nat'l. Cem. & Mil. Parks (3-31-37) Pub.).

"Original reservation acquired in 1805, for military purposes, under a treaty with the Sioux Indians, ratified by the Senate in 1808. By the act of August 26, 1852 (10 Stat. 36), the reservation was reduced and the boundaries of the new reservation specified. By Executive Order dated May 25, 1853, the reservation of 7,000 acres for military purposes was formally declared. By Executive Order dated November 16, 1853, the reservation was reduced to 6,000 acres.

"By agreement dated June 6, 1857, approved by the Secretary of War July 21, 1857, a contract was entered into for the sale of the reservation, except two small tracts reserved for church and cemetery purposes, to Franklin Steele, pursuant to authority of the act of March 3, 1819 (3 Stat. 520),



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and the act of March 3, 1857 (11 Stat. 203), the United States temporarily retaining possession of the fort and other buildings for the use of the troops at the post until 1858. The terms of the contract not having been complied with, the United States took possession of the reservation and post April 23, 1861. The Secretary of War, on November 10, 1870, approved the report and recommendations of a board of officers appointed to investigate and make recommendations respecting all claims in relation to the reservation, thereby selecting and setting apart for a permanent military post 1,521.2 acres of the original reservation as authorized by the act of May 7, 1870 (16 Stat. 376). By deed dated January 4, 1871, executed pursuant to the above act, all the remainder of the reservation, except the portions reserved for the Catholic Church and the Protestant Burial Grounds, were conveyed to said Franklin Steele.

"In 1905, 845 acres, more or less, adjoining the reservation, acquired by condemnation, under authority of the act of March 3, 1903 (32 Stat. 1129), for target range purposes.

"In 1906, 0.5413 acre, more or less, adjoining the land acquired in 1905, acquired by purchase, under authority of the same act.

"By Executive Order No. 4282, August 11, 1925, the use of 160 acres, more or less, was transferred to the United States Veterans' Bureau, reserving to the War Department the right to use all existing utilities and roads on said land, the transfer to remain in effect so long as the said bureau shall continue to use the said land.

"By Resolution approved February 1, 1938, the City Council of the City of Minneapolis granted permission to the War Department to construct, reconstruct, maintain and use a sewer in tunnel under Snelling Avenue.

"By permit dated March 24, 1938, the Veterans' Administration granted the War Department permission to construct and have access to an interceptor sewer of the Administration.

"In 1939, the Fort Snelling National Cemetery was established on the reservation pursuant to the act of June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1888), as amended by the act of May 24, 1937 (50 Stat. 200), 178.56 acres of the reservation were devoted to this purpose.

"Jurisdiction. - Jurisdiction over that part of the reservation retained pursuant to the act of May 7, 1870, was ceded, with certain reservations and provisions as set out therein, by the following act of April 24, 1889 (Laws, Minnesota, 1889, General, Chap. 57, p.167):

"An Act to cede jurisdiction to the United States over the territory embraced within Fort Snelling reservation.

"Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

"Section 1. That jurisdiction is hereby ceded to the United State of America over the following described territory, to-wit: Beginning at a point where the south line of the north-east quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of section thirty-two (32) of township twenty-eight (28), north of range twenty-three (23), west of the fourth (4th) principal meridian, intersects the middle of the main channel of the Minnesota river; thence west to the southwest corner of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section thirty-two, town and range aforesaid; thence north to the northwest corner of section twenty (20), town and range aforesaid; thence east to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence along the main channel of the Mississippi river to the confluence of the Mississippi river at the head of Pike Island, and the middle of the Minnesota river to the place of beginning; provided the public highways across said reservation shall be kept open for public travel.

"Sec. 2. From the cession of jurisdiction to the United States, hereby granted, the following reservation is hereby made, to-wit: The State of Minnesota shall have and hereby does reserve and retain a concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over the territory aforesaid, so far as may be necessary for said state and its officers to serve any process or papers, civil or criminal, that may be lawfully issued under the authority of said state or of any of the departments of the government thereof, and to arrest on said territory and punish any person or persons charged with crime against the laws of said state, whether committed within or without the boundaries of said territory, in the same manner and to the same extent as though said cession of jurisdiction had not been made.

"Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage."



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"This act appears as section 4118, General Statutes, 1894.

"It was expressly repealed by chapter 103, Revised Laws, 1905, effective March 1, 1906, which provided, however, that said repeal shall not affect any right accrued or established before the repeal takes effect.

"See *Storaasli v. Minnesota*, 283 U.S. 57; 31 Op. Atty. Gen. 263.

"Exclusive jurisdiction over that part of the reservation retained pursuant to the act of May 7, 1870, was ceded by the general act approved March 10, 1925.

"Exclusive jurisdiction over that part of the reservation acquired in 1905 by condemnation was ceded by the general act of March 22, 1899.

"Exclusive jurisdiction over that part of the reservation acquired by purchase in 1906 was ceded by the general act approved March 10, 1925."

The Acts of March 22, 1899 and March 10, 1925, supra, provide as follows:

"An act ceding to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over certain lands, acquired for public purposes within this state, and authorizing the acquisition thereof.

"Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

"Section 1. That the consent of the State of Minnesota is hereby given, in accordance with the seventeenth clause, eighth section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States, to the acquisition by the United States, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, of any land in this state required for custom houses, court houses, postoffices, arsenals, or other public buildings whatever, or for any other purposes of the government.

"Sec. 2. That exclusive jurisdiction in and over any land so acquired by the United States shall be, and the same is hereby ceded to the United States, for all purposes except the service of all civil and criminal process of the courts of this state, but the jurisdiction so ceded shall continue no longer than the said United States shall own such lands.

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"Sec. 2. That exclusive jurisdiction in and over any land so acquired by the United States shall be, and the same is hereby ceded to the United States, for all purposes except the service of all civil and criminal process of the courts of this state, but the jurisdiction so ceded shall continue no longer than the said United States shall own such lands.

"Sec. 3. The jurisdiction ceded shall not vest until the United States shall have acquired the title to the said lands by purchase, condemnation or otherwise; and so long as the said lands shall remain the property of the United States when acquired as aforesaid, and no longer, the same shall be and continue exempt and exonerated from all state, county and municipal taxation, assessment, or other charges which may be levied or imposed under the authority of this state.

"Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

"Approved March 22, 1899. (Laws, Minnesota, 1899, General, Chap. 83 p. 85.)

"This act was expressly repealed by chapter 103, Revised Laws, 1905, effective March 1, 1905, which provided, however, that said repeal shall not affect any right accrued or established before the repeal takes effect."

"An Act entitled, 'An act ceding to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over certain lands acquired for public purposes within the state, and authorizing the acquisition thereof, and any interest therein.'

"Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

"Section 1. United States may acquire sites.--The consent of the State of Minnesota is hereby given in accordance with seventeenth clause, eighth section, of the first article of the Constitution of the United States to the acquisition by the United States, by purchase, by condemnation, lease, or in any other manner whatsoever, of any land or right or interest therein, in this State, required for sites for custom houses, court houses, hospitals, sanatoria, post offices, arsenals, depots, terminals, cantonments, military or naval camps or bases or stations, aviation fields or stations, radio stations, storage places, target ranges, forest depots, supply houses and forestry offices, or for any other military or naval purposes whatsoever of the United States government.

"Sec. 2. Exclusive jurisdiction in Federal government.-- Exclusive jurisdiction in and over any lands, or buildings, any right or interest, which has been so acquired by the United States, whether before or after the passage of this act, shall be and the same is hereby ceded to the United States for all purposes, herein provided except the service upon such sites of all civil or criminal process of the courts of this state, which right of service of said process within the bounds of said lands and sites is reserved to this State; but the jurisdiction so ceded shall continue no longer than the United States shall own or occupy such lands, or any right or interest therein; and whenever such lands or building abut upon the navigable waters of this state, such jurisdiction so ceded shall extend to and include such of the underwater lands adjacent thereto as lie between the line of low-water mark and the bulkhead or pierhead line as now established or as such lines may be hereafter established.

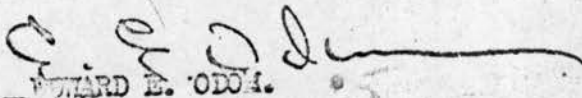
"Sec. 3. Act effective when.--The jurisdiction ceded shall not vest until the United States shall have acquired the title to, or possession of the said lands, or rights, or interest therein, by purchase, condemnation, lease, or otherwise; and so long as the said lands, or any rights or interest therein are held in fee simple by the United States, and no longer, such rights or interest, as the case may be, shall continue exempt and exonerated, from all States (sic), county and Municipal taxation, assessment or other charges, which may be levied or imposed under the authority of this State.

"Sec. 4. Inconsistent acts repealed.--All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are to that extent repealed.

"Sec. 5. This act shall be in force and take effect from its passage.

"Approved March 10, 1925. (Laws, Minnesota, 1925, General Chap. 55, p. 56.)"

It appears, therefore, that the jurisdiction over the lands comprising the reservation of the Veterans' Administration Facility at Minneapolis, Minnesota is vested in the United States.


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WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

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General Omar N. Bradley

The Administrator of Veterans Affairs

Dear General Bradley:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to your request for the transfer to your Administration of Fort Snelling, Minnesota, comprising approximately 2,043.19 acres of land, more or less, together with the improvements thereon.

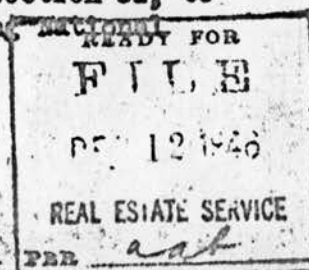
Pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 22 June 1944 (58 Stat. 284) control and jurisdiction of the area described below comprising approximately 2,043.19 acres of land, more or less, with improvements thereon, known as Fort Snelling, Minnesota, are transferred to the Veterans Administration effective 14 September 1946, subject to the grant by the Veterans Administration of the use of certain facilities designated below. The land transferred is described as follows:

The United States military reservation known as Fort Snelling is situated approximately seven miles southwest of the center of the business district of Saint Paul, at the junction of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, on the west banks thereof, in townships 27 and 28 north, range 23 west of the fourth principal meridian, in Hennepin County, State of Minnesota, and the boundaries are more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the W 1/16 corner between section 6, township 27 north, range 23 west and section 31, township 28 north, range 23 west, and running thence:

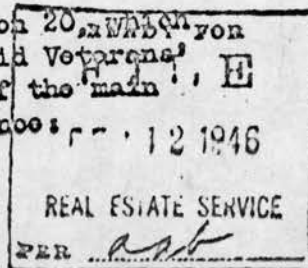
- (1) North zero degrees fifteen minutes west (N. 0° 15' W.), along the W 1/16 line of said section 31, to the south corner of the Fort Snelling National

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Cemetery, from which corner the bearing and distance to a stone monument 8 inches square, marking the W 1/16 corner between sections 30 and 31, is N. 0° 15' W., 4,412.9 feet; thence:

- (2) North thirty-eight degrees twenty-eight minutes east (N. 38° 28' E.), five thousand six hundred thirty-six and five tenths (5,636.5) feet, along the southeasterly line of the said cemetery, to the easterly corner thereof, being a point in the north line of section 31, from which point the bearing and distance to a stone monument, engraved with the letters "U.S." on the east face, marking the northeast corner of said section 31, is east, 423.2 feet; thence:
- (3) East, four hundred twenty-three and two tenths (423.2) feet, along the said north line of section 31, to the said stone monument marking the northeast corner of section 31; thence:
- (4) North, along the west line of sections 29 and 20, township 28 north, range 23 west, to the southwest corner of the 160-acre tract, the use of which was transferred to the United States Veterans' Administration (Bureau) by Executive Order No. 4282, dated August 11, 1925, from which corner the bearing and distance to the northwest corner of the said section 20, along the west line of section 20, is north, 2,120 feet; thence:
- (5) East, two thousand one hundred ninety-six (2,196) feet, more or less, along the south line of the said Veterans' Administration tract, to a point in the westerly line of the Minneapolis Street Railway Company (formerly Twin City Rapid Transit Company) right-of-way; thence:
- (6) Northerly, eight hundred twenty-seven (827) feet, more or less, along the said westerly right-of-way line, which line is also the easterly line of the Veterans' Administration tract, to a point in the N 1/16 line of said section 20; thence:
- (7) East, along said N 1/16 line of section 20, which line is also the south line of the said Veterans' Administration tract, to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi River; thence:



February 23, 1956

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TO: D. W. Ludwig
Head Real Estate Division
Corps of Engineers
1217 Post Office & Custom Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

SUBJ: Transfer of Army Fort Snelling Area to VA in 1946

1. There is submitted herewith one (1) photostatic copy of the document which officially transfers the Fort Snelling, Minnesota reservation from the War Department to the Veterans Administration effective 14 September 1946.

2. Request for this document was made by Mr. Johnson of your office during his visit with us on February 21, 1956.

ORVILLE P. CLARK
Chief, Engineering Division

Encl.

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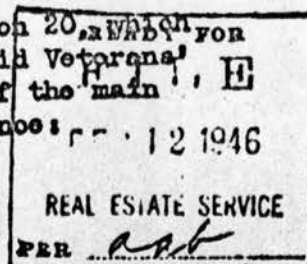
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- (8) Southeasterly, southerly, and southwesterly, along the middle of the main channels of the Mississippi River, the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers at the head of Pike Island, and the Minnesota River, to a point in the east-west center line of section 5, township 27 north, range 23 west; thence:
- (9) Southwesterly, westerly, and northwesterly, to and along the middle of Cohn's Creek, to its intersection with the east-west center line of said section 5; thence:
- (10) West, along the said east-west center line, to the west line of said section 5; thence:
- (11) North, along the said west line of section 5, to the northwest corner thereof; thence:
- (12) West, along the south line of section 31, township 28 north, to the point of beginning.

The directions of the lines refer to the true meridian.

The reservation as described contains an area of two thousand forty-three and nineteen hundredths (2,043.19) acres, more or less, subject to a right-of-way occupied by the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railway Company, which occupancy began prior to the act of May 7, 1870 (16 Stat. 376), and also subject to the rights acquired by the public over the highways as granted by the following permits; (a) permit to the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County dated January 29, 1925, amended by supplemental permits dated January 27, 1928 and June 18, 1929; (b) permit to Ramsey County dated October 26, 1927; (c) permit to the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County dated October 27, 1927; (d) permit to Hennepin County dated December 4, 1923, amended by supplemental permit dated January 27, 1928.

The transfer of the above described area is made with the understanding that the Veterans Administration will execute a permit to the War Department for the use of the following facilities situated within the above-described area: Building No. T-339, Officer's Club, Small Arms Range, space for Induction Center, and Building No. T-221, together with

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rights of ingress and egress.

It is understood that a right of entry will be granted the War Department pending the issuance of a formal permit by the Veterans Administration.

Sincerely yours,

Robt P. Patterson

Secretary of War

