

Camp near Sharpsburg Md
Sept 24th 1862

To Col Nassmith
Dear Sir

If I remember
right I promise you that I would write you
then at get be not about to coming to me just
that I have not had time since you left us
at Cedar Mountain. Since that time we have
been a considerable of not more. After you left
we moved on to Hughes Mountain and camped
in the Bates place three days. When we had orders to
march at a minute notice we got ready got ready &
at 11 O'clock at night got away in the line and after
standing as long as we lay down in the 7 O'clock in the
morning and then we took up the line of march
for the Rappahannock river place we reached about
the 9th of Aug. in the 21st we were moved out for
ground a good where we were since you about
the first time and from that time until the
10th we were moving up the river we passed through
Warrenton and was out at Sulphur Springs and
Says then we started out for Manassas and

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on the evening of the 18th before we knew it we
saw smoke into a fight which lasted about 1 1/2
hours. Eastman, Russell & Bolander were wounded
several of the boys were struck with spent balls.
The Brigadier lost two killed (Morrison & Smithing). Rollins
Williams must have been killed. Morrison was killed
wounded to the head when he fought on Saturday
night when he had left. Tom Sullivan was killed
wounded & Jimmy was wounded. I took Jimmy
off to a hospital. Monday was supposed to be a day
for us to rest but we were a few days later.
I had a number of our boys sent back with
the wagon train. Sam. J. Ford & George besides
Eason, Lee, Williams, Dave Smith, Ashman, Armstrong
& one or two more. After the situation at Dakota
fell we got a mail at Ft. Brady. Sam got from
Commissioner. Consequently there was some small
signs of promotion made. I was at Brady the
night some promotion was made. Sam is 1st Sgt.
Adjutant. Corp. the same promotion given was some
dissatisfaction of course but it all settled down again.
Two weeks ago last Saturday night we were
about to go to the station again to pay our
complaints to Jackson in Burlington and to
make the march more agreeable in fact the plan
of passing men pets of our (Morrison) not
nearly killed the whole of us. Still we moved
on and on Sunday night the dinner was
opened the Ball was a success at South

Mountain. Our Company was in fact the
whole Regt. was made a cross fire and we
had several wounded by Corp. George Pease, Pease
& Dinsley & Private James Stencomb. Brickett
Palmer, Smelter, Parker (David & Edwards
one of them dangerously). Dinsley was the worst
wounded. Wallace & Holmes killed. On the 17th
before breakfast they were at it again and
all that was promised so badly the men in
a few hours. Morrison & Pease & McHenry
for Sam and Morrison in the neck. The last
we heard from them they were doing well.
We have a report of Morrison at about June 13
present for duty in the Company. Ed. Pease. I am
not got all of the information from above. Capt. Bismarck
saw in Washington in June and has got leave
of absence and gone to Ohio for twenty days.
The boys have been worn out marching & fighting.
We have been on marching for rest. But
there is no rest for soldiers since if they
have a good fighting (longer in the service
they kept it in front or when it came to retreat
to the front when it is needed. Col. Roberts
1st Col. Hamilton & they were near each other in
the first winter. Capt. Calver is boss of the 1st
now. We have marching orders and I am
with any more just now but with the first line
I have been opposed to and will correct all mistakes
I was not in the two last fights. I am acting Captain

not enjoying reading the letters for the 18th much

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Woman - born 1870. I was 4 years old at birth. English is first

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Boys here have killed three war.
Since they have been here — we have
seen no Indians as yet — A. Mearns
came in to night he said that a part
of Co B. was out scouting & took 3 Indian
prisoners & beat them into camp after dark
& that they claimed to be Cheyennes & the
capt released them but after wards found
out that they were Sioux. I start to morrow
morning for Richmond, Painesville & Paris City.
Distance from here to Richmond 45 miles
from Richmond to Painesville 14 miles Painesville
to Paris City 37 miles. Probably 4 days
we are near two weeks from here
the Platteville Co & Patoka Co are at Painesville
they were doing well the last I heard
Co G. at Richmond & two Minnesota
Co at Paris City we have one Minnesota
Co here — I have command of all of the
troops West of the Mississippi River

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Gauth & East of, Alexandra
the line extends 130 miles North & South
& 75 East & West it keeps me busy
to do to all the books — My
Health is very good — Write often
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Sincerely yours
W. H. H. H.

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Waukegan Oct 23rd 1862,

To Lieut Col
25th Regt. Min. Inf.

My Dear Sir, The

Order Locating certain Companies on
the frontier, seem to anticipate, the
Twin Lakes as a point, instead of this place,
the result of which, would have been prejudicial
to this Company, and the better absence
of any better here, only for the order which
temporarily permitted its execution, and
caused my Company to remain here.

I was at St. Paul last week and urged
the propriety of building quarters here
for my Company. If our Company were to
remain in this portion of Minn., and the
Country was understood by those selecting the
proper localities for the protection of the
Citizens on the frontier, we should not
idle during this pleasant weather. The fact
shall we remain here or go out 12 miles
S. W., in the Prairie, a point where no
communication can be had during the winter.

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an account of doing so, I noticed
that Capt. has noticed it would be for
a single company to go out 12 miles
from any settlement during the winter
has little protection it would afford
them. The measure as this being
is a point which you can see
and then on the settlers' or herd of
this point and no timber in lumber
there & no roads to transport the
same over. Still a good soldier
knows repair. He does heavy handiwork
and we are thus furnished. Our Company
has been looking after other houses, for
over two months, & now they feel as the
they will not well, give some attention to
the one houses & winter quarters.
May I ask you to suggest these facts, to
the proper Headquarters, at once, and
also urge a change of place for quarters
so as to bring this place in front instead
the 2nd on Buffalo Creek I discovered
from Capt. T. also Adj. S. & bridge &
remarks that they will regard your
opinion as superior to any other in the
matter, on the 13th I sent you report of my
findings. Yours most obt. servt
Richd. A. Stuart Capt.
Co. B. 1st Regt Minn. I.

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Letter No 1

Week Center min Oct 27, 62

Dear Wife

I have just returned from inspecting
the Troops under my Command - I had a pleasant
trip except it was cold & windy - I went Hutchinson
Hinsdon Farrest city Painesville & Richmond & from there here
Distance from here to Richmond 40 miles from Richmond to Painesville
12 miles Painesville to Mansfield 14 miles Mansfield to Farrest city
10 miles Farrest city to Hinsdon 8 miles Hinsdon to Hutchinson 33 miles
from here to Alexandria 30 miles. I have troops at all of these places
& expect more soon for S. J. & Co. - The troops
don't do much the country from 15 to 30 miles in the
vicinity of Fort Totten they have sent no Indians yet
my boys was there the country where the Indians had
committed war. depredations where they had murdered families
burnt houses & done all manner of mischief - I saw at the
Station at Farrest city a little boy 3 years old & a girl & all that
remained of a family of 7 children the rest of the family
consisting of 7 children were Father Mother Grand Mother
one Uncle & Aunt were all murdered - the girl that remained
was attending school at the time in Farrest city. The little boy
was found the second day after the family was murdered
shut up in a small room or closet in the house just there
probably by some one of the family in their fright - he
had no clothes on but his shirt - He and his Mother standing
at school was the one that he was in his little sister takes
the whole charge of him & won't allow any one else to do any thing
for him

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this is but one case Some families were all killed
Some widows & babies killed & some of wife & children
killed & the man left. A number have been taken
Prisoners but those that have lost friends can't tell whether
they were murdered or taken Prisoners except where they
have found their friends. I don't think there is
any Indians in this vicinity now. I think they are further
north but it is necessary to keep troops here so the
Santabonians will stay at home some of the troops
were sent away the Indians and come back. The
Soldiers have there winter this nearly finished at the different
Stations. I would have much rather gone South than to have
Stayed here it would have been much pleasanter for me
as the troops are so scattered it will take a great share of
my time traveling from one Station to another. But the
Prospect now is that we shall have to stay here all winter -
the different Companies all seem to like here & are all getting
fat & healthy except the Menapies and the Plattville Boys
are all looking remarkably well all are to work hard
fixing for winter. I sent Co. A to Mammahah 14 miles from ^{Painesville} here
the Plattville Co. have mostly got there with the menapies I believe
they all seem well pleased with their officers & I think they are
a little less there considerable this winter but my head they will
be here as this is more central after troops are stationed
at Chipaway. I have not heard from the Col since he
went up the Minnesota river. The Chaplain went with him
on two of the wagons (the first assistant came with me) the Adjutant
& Major & Lt. Martin he took all but the Sergeant Major
wanted him but I objected. I have now a good set of officers

I appointed Lt. Shaw the Master at Painesville Lt
Mason there & Lt. Bennett at Alexandria our Surgeon
Stops at Painesville & I appointed Doctor Palmer at St. Cloud
Surgeon for this Post so we are very well fixed
you would know all particulars of our journey. Some of the
Sick were left them that were able to ride with us
we took our time with us 20 days rations had 30 teams to carry
back Camp & Garrison equipment rations blankets etc. & other
stays. I wish you after you left but saw them once or twice
Mrs. Elkins came as far as Ft. Snelling & I wouldn't let her go
any further I don't know what he has done. She finally went back
letters for the Plattville camp should be directed to Painesville
blows to him. I want to have surgeons to send the money
to you & you will write me when you get it. The weather has been
rather cold & windy. no rain since we have been here to speak of
- I heard to day that General Pope had been removed from
his command. Winston Rice takes his place. The change
may make a difference with us we may go South yet this fall
- Does Augustus & Jerry go to school this winter. I have much
to tell you but on your farm you may try to get up
comfortable in winter cloth the boys with good coats & warm
close. My horse looks fine & rides very easy now
I have had to use him rather hard I am in so much riding
to day. I believe that I have written all I can think of now
I will write after as I can but you must expect that
letters as there is nothing here to write about

Yours, your friend
Bennett

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Letter No 2

Dear S

Sack Center Nov 25th 1862

I thought I would drop you
a few lines, although I have nothing to write
I send to you a drawing of our camp at
Sack Center the one marked with two little lines with
ink is mine size 14 x 18 very warm & comfortable
Capt Ferguson is on the right as you go in Capt
Mc Coy of Co H, 8th Minnesota ^{Infantry} & Doctors is on the
left. I was at Painesville last week stayed but one night
there was some 25 or 30 of Scots so sick as trying
to see some Dringhaus the Doctor says that the men
eat too much for the exercise they have & I guess
they do — the boys have lots to eat & that that is good
they kill lots of wild game fish &c — the weather
is pleasant dry & cold we had a little snow —
no signs of Indians or every thing quiet on the upper
Sack — I heard that we were going South this
winter — I sent you a package of money ~~pro~~ if
it isn't lost you have it before this time — Scots so
hardly received there letters when I was there

Good By
S. S. Mott

*Jonathan B. Salisbury
Person Print copy of a rose print
+ original - another sketch
in A-V.*

December 19, 1939

Mr. Will Rindlaub
Platteville,
Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Rindlaub:-

I was certainly surprised and pleased to get your letter of December 9 enclosing the little map of the temporary fort made at Leuk Center during the Indian outbreak of 1862-63. I have made copies and am not returning the original to you. It is an excellent little sketch and we are glad to add it to our collection. I am writing to Mr. Bassett that the lost has been found.

Yours sincerely,

J.B.S.
encl.

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*In also, 1862-63, I -
I. J. Smith and his father
were an officer of the fort.*

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*Jonathan B. Salisbury
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in A-V.*

December 19, 1839

Mr. Will Rindlaub
Platteville,
Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Rindlaub:-

I was certainly surprised and pleased to get your letter of December 9 enclosing the little map of the temporary fort made at Sauk Center during the Indian outbreak of 1862-63. I have made copies and am now returning the original to you. It is an excellent little sketch and we are glad to add it to our collection. I am writing to Mr. Smith that the lost has been found.

Yours sincerely,

W. B. Smith
Encl.

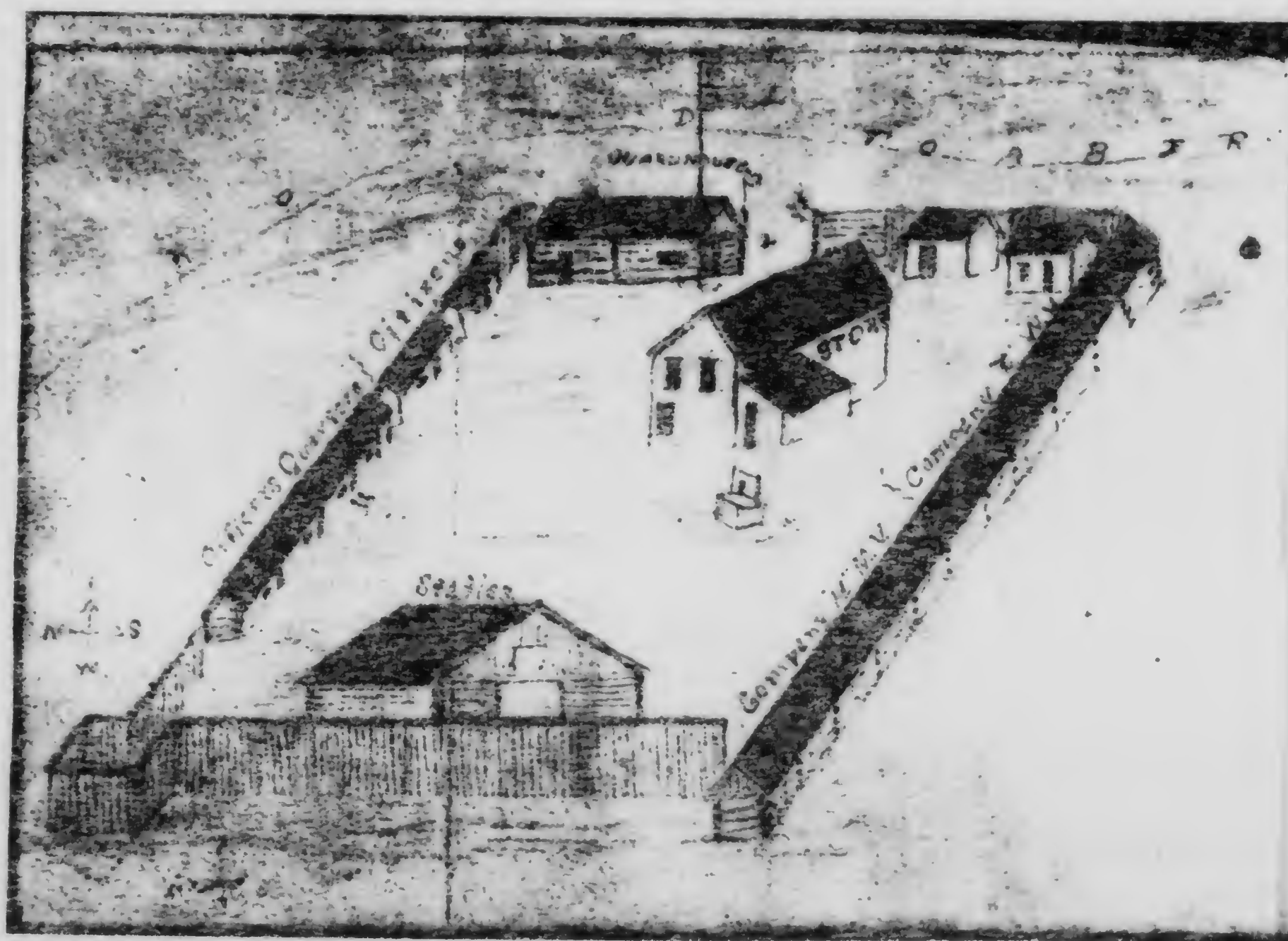
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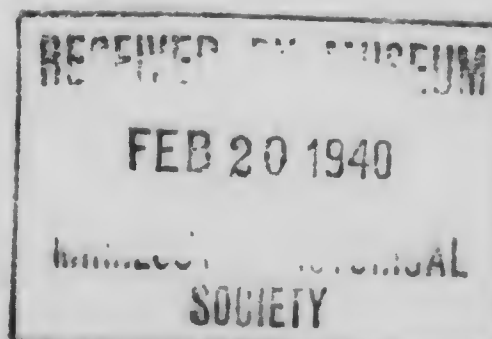
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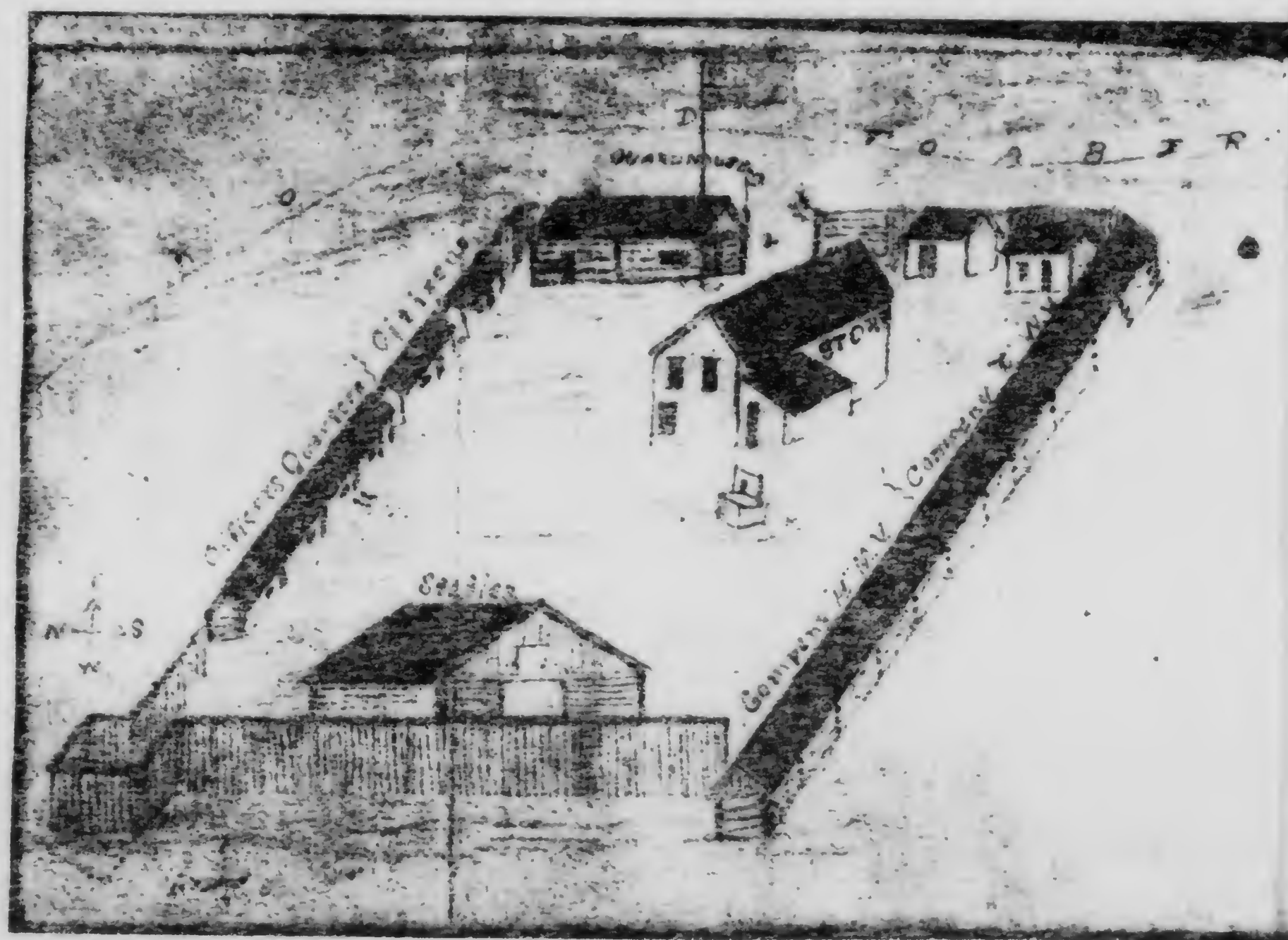
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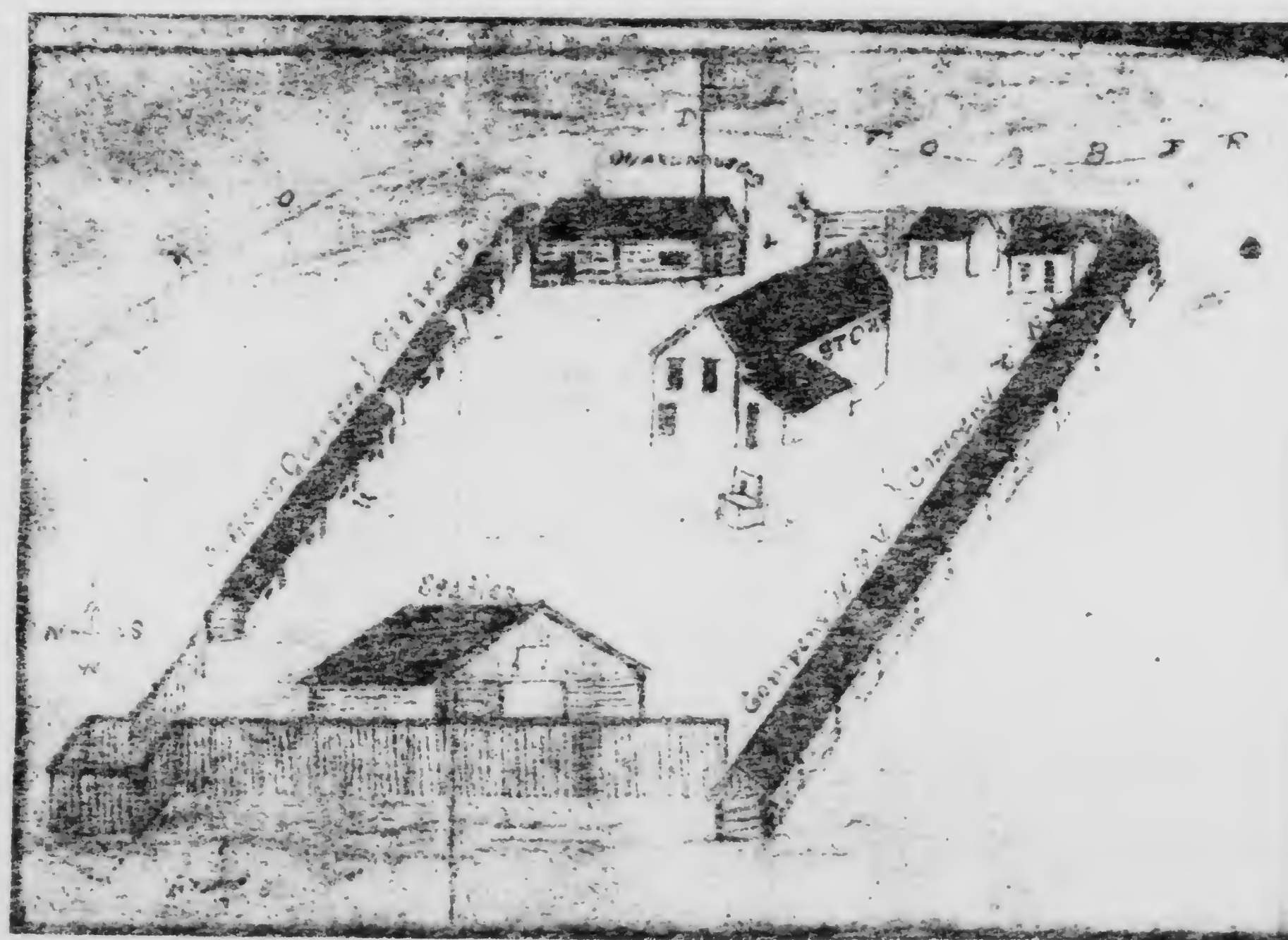
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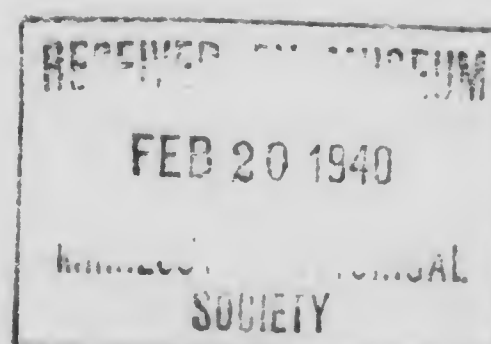
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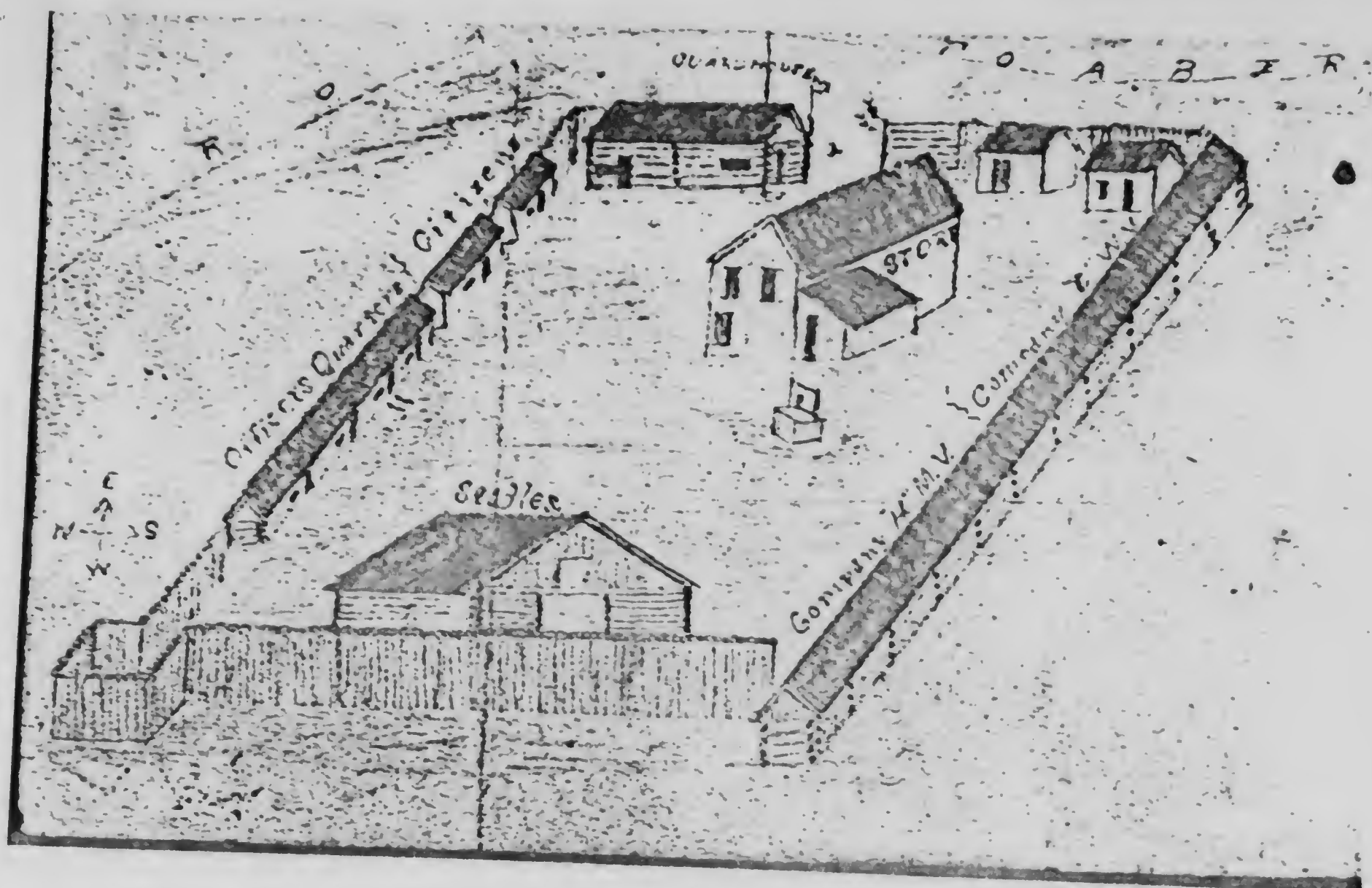


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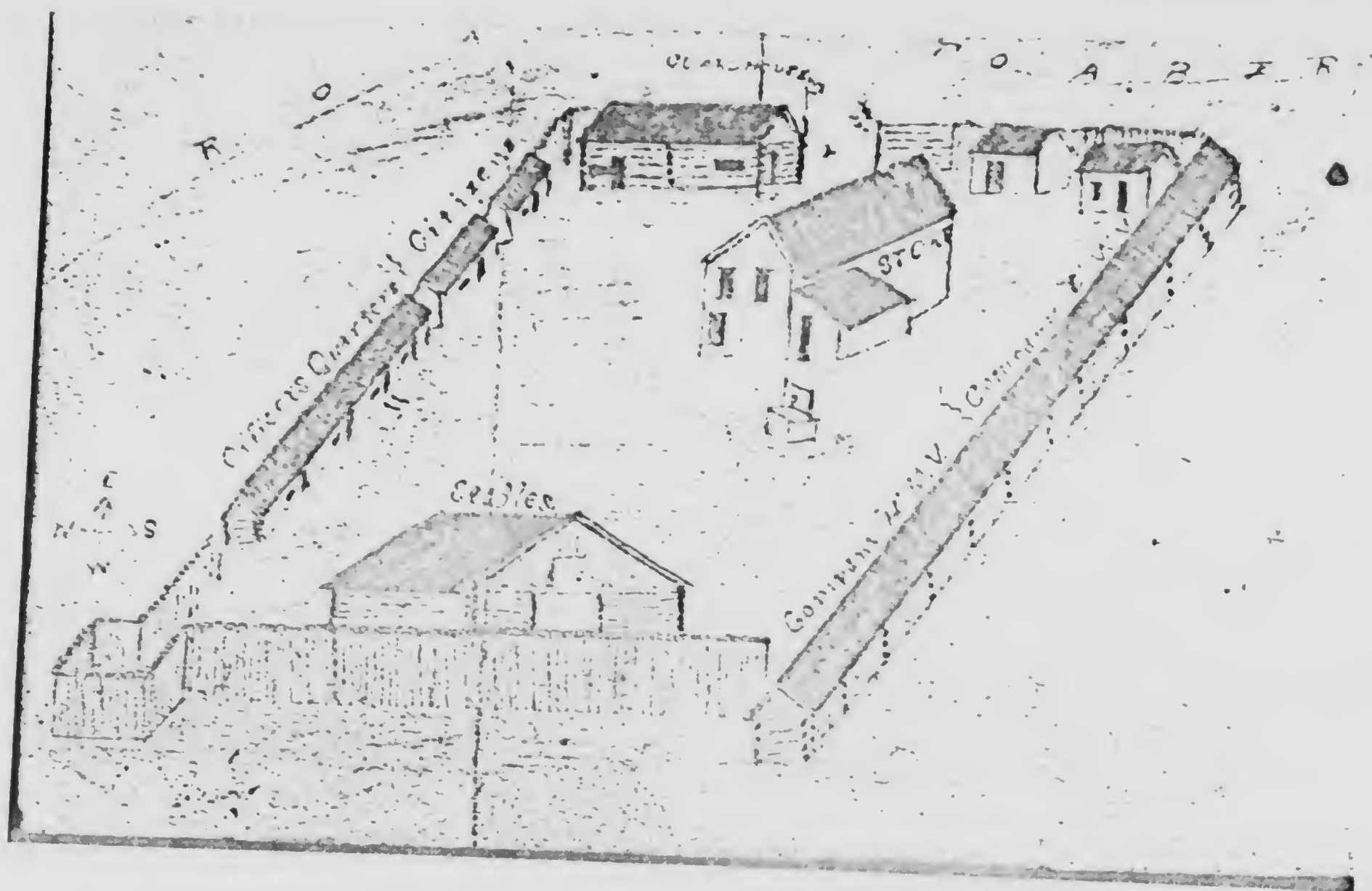


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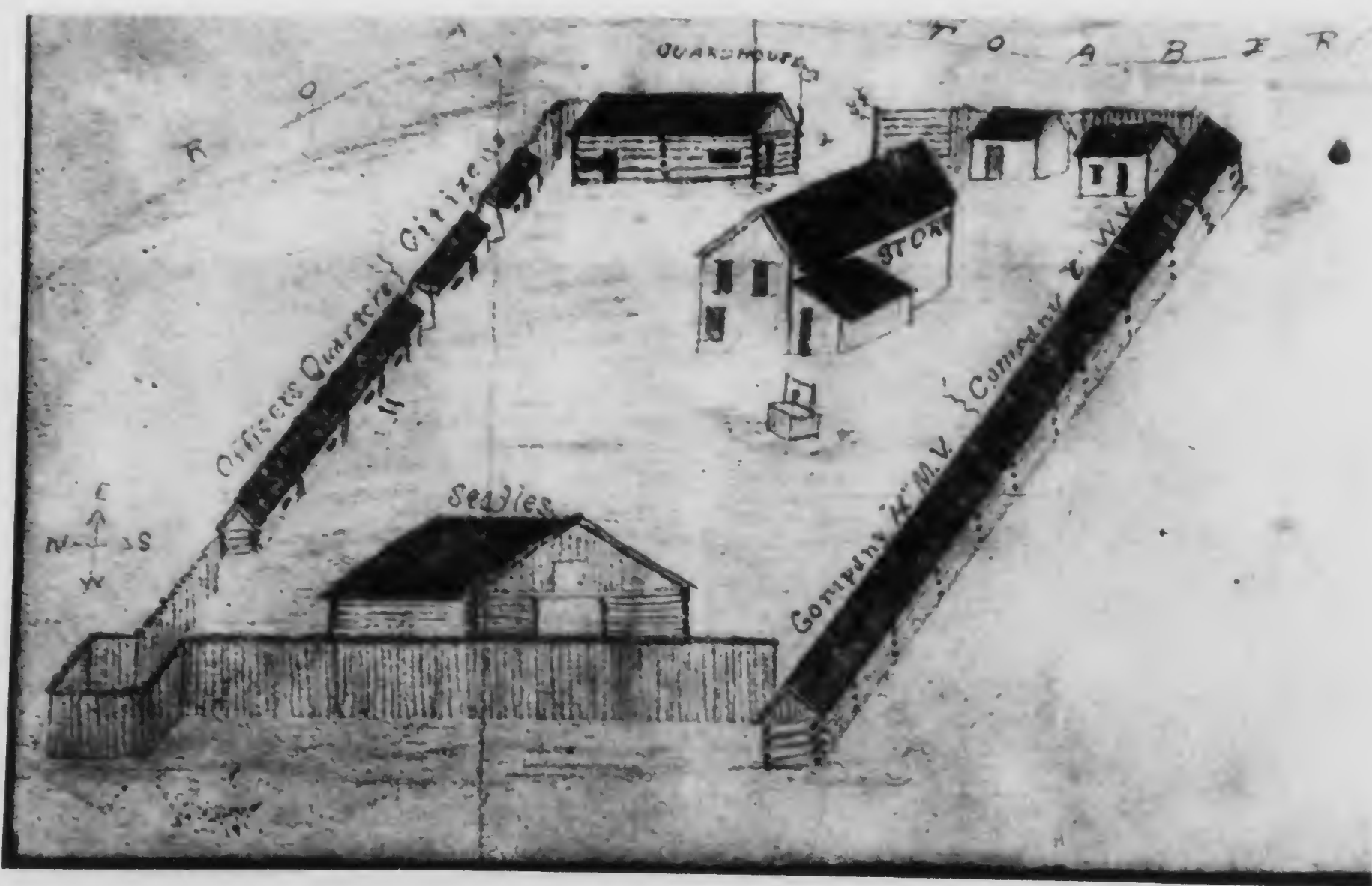
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Sketch of fortification
Stockade at Fort Center
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Thompson's Fort
Dakota Conflict

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