



Fort Snelling papers

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June 5, 1926.

NAME OF RESERVATION OR POST:

Fort Snelling, Minn. (originally called Fort St. Anthony).

LOCATION:

On the crest of bluff formed by the junction of the valleys of the Mississippi and the Minnesota Rivers and 7 miles from St. Paul.

ACTIVE OR INACTIVE:

Active. See Army List & Directory.

Reservation was originally acquired by treaty with the Sioux Indians in 1805, ratified by the Senate in 1808. Its boundaries were reduced and defined by act of Congress of August 26, 1852 (10 Stat. 36). It was first garrisoned in 1822, and continued so until 1856. The reservation, except two small tracts, was sold June 6, 1857, to Franklin Steele, but payment not having been made according to terms of sale, and no conveyance having been made, the United States entered into possession and occupancy of the reservation April 23, 1861. Pursuant to Act of May 7, 1870 (16 Stat. 376), a reservation of 1,551.21 acres was set apart and settlement was made with Mr. Steele by which he released all claim thereto in consideration of release of balance of purchase money and conveyance to him of remainder of original reservation.

The reservation formerly embraced a tract of land extending from the junction of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers to the Falls of St. Anthony and 9 miles on each side of the Mississippi. In 1805 Lieut. Z.M. Pike, commanding an exploring expedition, at the chiefs of the Dakota or Sioux tribe of Indians, then masters of that region, in a conference on the island that bears his name in the channel of the river just below the fort, and obtained a cession of the adjacent lands for a military post.

In May, 1857, by order of the Secretary of War, the reserve was surveyed by Maj. S. Eastman and the limits of the tract, embracing about 7,000 acres, accurately defined. (Exhibit "H")

Up to 1824, the post was called Fort St. Anthony when it was named Fort Snelling in honor of its founder and commander, Colonel Josiah Snelling, 5th U.S. Infantry.

PURPOSE FOR WHICH USED:

LAND AREA:

(The present net land area under jurisdiction of the War Department after deducting all disposals from the total lands acquired). (Note: For details of acquisition and disposals see hearings "How Acquired" and "Disposals".)

2,221.74 acres, more or less.

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION BY METES AND BOUNDS:

HOW ACQUIRED:

Originally acquired by Treaty with the Sioux Indians in 1805 and ratified by the Senate in 1808. (So far as can be ascertained from the records, the area of the original acquisition is unknown, being described as follows:

"From below the confluence of the Mississippi and St. Peters (now the Minnesota) Rivers, up the Mississippi to include the falls of St. Anthony, extending nine miles on each side of the River."

From correspondence attached, (Exhibit "A-1"), it would appear that in the Treaty made with the Indians, as ratified by the Senate, the United States stipulated to pay \$2,000.00 for the lands thus ceded).

The boundaries of the reservation were reduced and defined by Act of Congress August 26, 1852 (10 Stat. 36), portion not required for military purposes to be sold by the Department of the Interior (Exhibit "A").

By Executive Order dated November 16, 1853, amending Executive Order of May 25, 1853, Lot 1, Sec. 20 and Lots 1, 2 & 3, Sec. 21; also an irregular piece of land on the right bank of the St. Peter's (Minnesota) River, containing 160 acres were reserved from the public domain for ferries over the river. For copies of these Executive Orders, see Exhibits "B" and "E-1".

Pursuant to an Act of Congress of May 7, 1870 (16 Stat. 376) the reservation was still further reduced to 1,531.20 acres, the remaining portion being deeded to Franklin Steele (with some exceptions) in settlement of his claim against the United States. (Exhibits "B" and "C").

Addition to reservation for Target Range

Decree dated March 22, 1905, in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, covering an addition for target range, containing 850 acres, more or less (exclusive of the "Bloomington Road to St. Paul), amount of award being \$122,188.70. Recorded in Vol. 9 of Minutes of said Court, pages 134 to 166.

Deed dated November 27, 1906, from Rosa P. Vincent, unmarried, conveying 0.54 acres for a consideration of \$40.00. Recorded in Book 632 of deeds, page 104, Office of Register of Deeds, Hennepin County.

Quit Claim deed dated December 1, 1906, from the Long Meadow Gun Club, quitclaiming all interest and title to 0.54 acres of preceding deed; consideration \$1.00. Recorded in Book 632 of deeds, page 104, office of Register of Deeds, Hennepin County.

BRIDGE SITE

A bridge site consisting of Lots 20, 21, 22, 23 and part of Lots 28 and 32, in F. Steele's subdivision of Lot 2, Section 21, in St. Paul, Minn., was acquired as follows:

1. Deed from Rosa P. Vincent, widow, dated April 29, 1907, conveying Lot 20 (area not stated) for a consideration of \$675.00. Recorded in Book 519 of Deeds, page 567, Office of Register of Deeds, Ramsey County.
2. Deed from Katherine B. Appleby, widow, dated April 29, 1907, conveying Lot 22 (area not stated) for a consideration of \$675.00. Recorded in Book 519, page 581, of same records.
3. Deed from Caroline H. Addison et vir, dated April 29, 1907, conveying 2 acres, more or less, for a consideration of \$1,600.00. Recorded in Book 519, page 566, of same records.
4. Deed from Mary C. Morris, widow, dated April 29, 1907, conveying Lot 21 (area not stated) for a consideration of \$675.00. Recorded in Book 520, page 101, of same records.
5. Decree of United States District Court dated May 23, 1908, conveying (area not stated), amount of award being \$1750.00. Recorded in Book 541 of Deeds, page 193, of same records.
6. Condemnation Proceedings in the United States District Court, District of Minnesota, in re easement in lands (area not stated) in the county of Hennepin, for bridge purposes, between the reservation and the city of St. Paul, on the right of way of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, amount of award being \$1.00. Decree rendered October 6, 1909, and filed on the same date in Office of the Clerk of said Court. Recorded in Book 123 of Misc., page 573, Office of Register of Deeds, Hennepin County, Minn.

DISPOSALS:

Boundaries of the original reservation, as obtained by Treaty in 1805 from the Sioux Indians, were reduced and defined by Act of Congress, August 26, 1852 (10 Stat. 36), the portion of the reservation not required for military purposes being transferred to the Department of the Interior (area) not stated. See Exhibit "A".

Deed dated January 4, 1871, to Franklin Steele, in pursuance of Act of Congress dated May 7, 1870 (16 Stat. 576), conveying portion of the reservation (area not given) in settlement of his claim against the United States. See under "History" page 1 of this report, also Exhibit "C". This deed does not show recording date and same is not of record in the files of The Judge Advocate General.

By Executive Order dated August 11, 1925, No. 4282, 160 acres of the reservation were transferred to the U. S. Veterans Bureau. (Exhibit "D").

TOTAL LAND COST:

\$127,605.70 (This includes the \$2,000.00 paid to the Sioux Indians under the Treaty with them in 1805).

AVERAGE UNIT COST: (per acre or square foot)

\$150.02 per acre (for the purchased area. This average unit cost is the land purchased for the target range and for the bridge abutment sites. It does not take into consideration the large area acquired by Treaty with the Indians, in 1805).

COST OF GOVERNMENT IMPROVEMENTS: (To construct)

COMMUNICATIONS:

Railroad connections:

Trolley Connections:

Railroads on Reservation: (miles)

Government owned:

Privately owned:

Roads on Reservations: (Improved and Unimproved -- miles)

Government owned:

State owned:

County owned:

DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS:

APPRAISED VALUE:

Land:

Improvements:

Total:

Date of appraisal:

By whom made :

Remarks:

GARETAKER, IF INACTIVE:

Name:

Address:

BRANCH OF WAR DEPARTMENT OR ARMY HAVING JURISDICTION:

Commanding Officer, 7th Corps Area.

MAPS, BOUNDARY AND IMPROVEMENTS:

Boundary: See Exhibit "C".

Improvements: See Exhibit "H".

INSTRUMENTS OF ACQUISITION:

(where filed)

Office of The Judge Advocate General, copies attached in one volume and filed in Real Estate Division under Deeds.

CESSION OF JURISDICTION TO U. S.

See General Act of Cession, page 215, Military Reservations, etc., 1916 edition.

LEASES, LICENSES, PERMITS AND OTHER GRANTS NOW IN EFFECT:

Easements. - Act of Congress approved June 20, 1878 (20 Stat., 224,) provided for the building of a bridge by commissioners authorized by the State Legislature across the Mississippi River to abut upon the reservation, and for a right of way across the reservation to said bridge.

Easement. - The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co. occupies a right of way through the reservation, which occupancy began prior to act of May 7, 1870 (act which authorized settlement with Franklin Steele - See under deeds, deed to Steele).

Revocable License dated January 25, 1907, to the Twin City Rapid Transit Co. to construct, operate, and maintain a temporary waiting room.

Revocable license dated May 13, 1908, to the Minneapolis Street Railway Co. to construct an extension of its tracks on the reservation.

Revocable license dated March 22, 1910, to the Northwestern Telephone Exchange Co. to construct, operate and maintain a telephone line.

Revocable license dated August 3, 1912, to the St. Paul Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to construct and maintain a boat-house and boat landing.

Revocable license March 31, 1914, to the University of Minnesota to occupy and use a portion of the reservation for experimental work in timber culture.

Revocable license dated August 24, 1915, to the Twin City Rapid Transit Co. to construct an extension of its electric railroad along the northern and western boundaries of the reservation.

Revocable license dated November 5 and December 15, 1915, to the Field Artillery, Organized Militia of Minnesota, to use in connection with the riding hall, one of the stables and the artillery barracks.

Revocable license dated March 29, 1922, to the Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Company to install and maintain pay stations and all aerial line construction on the reservation at an annual rental of \$1.00 per pole.

Easement dated July 30, 1923, to the Northern States Power Company for installation of electric poles and lines on the reservation for a period not to exceed 50 years at an annual rental of \$380.00.

Permit dated December 4, 1923, to the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County to construct a road across the reservation as indicated on map attached to permit. (Note: This seems to be a permanent permit).

Supplementary permit dated January 27, 1923, to the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County amending permit of December 4, 1923, so as to make the road conform to description given on map attached to supplementary permit.

Permit dated May 17, 1924, revocable at will by the Secretary of War, to the Western Union Telegraph Co. for 1-1/2 miles of telegraph line (67 poles) at an annual rental of \$14.74.

Permit dated August 11, 1924, revocable, to the C.M. & St. Paul Railway Company to construct a line of railroad across the northern portion of the reservation at an annual rental of \$560.00, as indicated on map attached to permit. For copy of Act authorizing this permit, See Exhibit "H".

Permit (revocable) dated January 26, 1926, to the U.S. Veterans' Bureau to install and maintain sewer line across the reservation.

Permit dated January 29, 1925, to the city of St. Paul and County of Ramsey to construct and maintain a paved highway across the reservation as indicated on map attached to permit. This permit was superseded by a supplemental permit dated January 27, 1928, modifying permit of January 29, 1925.

Revocable license dated March 17, 1926, to the Twin City Trap Shooting Association to maintain trap shooting range on reservation.

Revocable license dated June 21, 1926, to the Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Co. to install underground conduit at an annual rental of \$28.46.

Revocable license dated November 13, 1926, to the Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Co. to attach telephone cable to 47 Government poles on reservation at 22¢ per pole, per contract, per annum.

Revocable license dated November 30, 1926, to the Northern States Power Company to use Government poles for attaching electric circuit for furnishing light to the post.

Permit dated October 26, 1927, to the County of Ramsey to construct and maintain a paved highway across the reservation as indicated on map attached to permit. (This appears to be a permanent permit).

Permit dated October 27, 1927, to the City of St. Paul & County of Ramsey to construct a paved highway as indicated on map attached to permit. (Permit appears to be a permanent one).

REMARKS:

For copy of Eastman's field notes of survey made in 1857, see Exhibit "H".

Exhibit "I" is an extract from G.O. 34, dated March 14, 1908, showing the metes and bounds of the Fort Snelling Reservation and prior to the transfer of 160 acres to the Veterans Bureau. In this connection, see also G.O. No. 15, Hdqrs. Dept. of Dakota (Exhibit "I-1").

Exhibit "J" is a photostat of map of Fort Snelling as it existed in 1857.

Exhibit "K" is a copy of correspondence covering the re-naming of the streets at Fort Snelling, these names having been approved by the Secretary of War under date of July 13, 1923.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Co. was authorized by Act of Congress approved March 28, 1924, to construct and maintain railroad on the reservation. See Exhibit "L" for copy of the Act.

Exhibit "P" is a Utilities map, showing water mains, sewer mains, electric lines, etc., corrected up to 1926.

Exhibit "Q" shows the roads of a portion of the reservation.

Exhibit "O" is a report on the Fort Snelling reservation submitted November 4, 1879, covering portion of the history of Fort Snelling. The statement made in this report (Exhibit "O") on page 5, to the effect that 7,000 acres of the reservation was set aside by the President on May 25, 1853, and later in November of the same year was reduced to 6,000 acres does not appear to be correct. See Exhibits "E" and "E-1", which are copies of the Executive Orders of the President referred to, and which orders reserve only a small area for the operation of ferries, across the river.

August 26, 1852. Chap. XCV.--An Act to reduce and define the Boundaries of the Military Reserve at the Saint Peter's River, in the Territory of Minnesota.

1855, ch. 135.

Boundaries of the military reserve at Fort Snelling in Minnesota reduced and defined.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby required to cause the lines of the present military reserve at Fort Snelling, in the Territory of Minnesota, to be so contracted as to embrace the following boundaries, to wit:-

Beginning at the middle of the channel of the Mississippi River below Pike's Island; thence ascending along the channel of said river in such a direction as to include all the islands of the river, to the mouth of Brown's Creek, thence up said creek to Rice Lake; thence through the middle of Rice Lake to the outlet of Lake Amelia; thence through said outlet and the middle of Lake Amelia, to the outlet of Mother Lake; thence through said outlet and the middle of Mother Lake, to the outlet of Duck Lake; thence through said outlet and the middle of Duck Lake, to the southern extremity of Duck Lake, thence in a line due south to the middle of the channel of the Saint Peter's River; thence down said river so as to include all the islands to the middle of the channel of the Mississippi River; reserving further, for military purposes, a quarter section on the right bank of the St. Peter's River, at the present ferry; and also a quarter section on the left bank of the Mississippi River, at the present ferry across that stream.

Land reserved therefrom.

The remainder of said reserve to be surveyed and sold.

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office be, and he is hereby required to cause to be surveyed as soon as practicable, so much of the lands heretofore included in the military reserve aforesaid, but without the limits of the said military reserve aforesaid, as defined by this act, as have not already been surveyed; and to cause the same, together with such of said lands as have been so surveyed, with the exceptions hereinafter set forth, to be sold at public sale, under the direction of the President of the United States.

Mendota and adjacent settlements reserved from sale, and authorized to be entered as a town lot.

SEC. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the land on which the establishment of the Fur Company is situated, known as Mendota, with the settlements immediately around the same, not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres, be, and the same is hereby reserved from sale during the term of one year after the lands surrounding the same shall be offered for sale; and the proper authorities are hereby authorized at any time during said year, to enter the same for a town site, agreeably to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of

1844, ch. 17.

Said lands
made a part
of the Chippewa Land
District.

"An act for the relief of the citizens of towns upon the lands of the United States under certain circumstances," approved May twenty-third, eighteen hundred and forty-four.

SEC. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the lands comprised within the limits of said reserve, be, and the same are hereby annexed to and made a part of the Chippewa Land District, in said Territory of Minnesota.

APPROVED, August 26, 1852.

May 7, 1870

(No. 57.) A Resolution for setting apart a Portion of the Fort Snelling Military Reservation for a permanent military Post, and the Settlement of all Claims in Relation thereto.

Part of Fort Snelling military reservation set apart for permanent military post.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, That the Secretary of War Do, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to select and set apart for a permanent military post, so much of the military reservation of Fort Snelling, not less than one-thousand acres, as the public interests may require for that purpose, and to quiet the title to said reservation, and to settle all claims in relation thereto, and for the use and occupation thereof, upon principles of equity.

APPROVED, May 7, 1870.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by the Act of Congress, approved April 20, 1922 (42 Stat., 496), entitled "An Act to authorize an appropriation to enable the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau to provide for the construction of additional hospital facilities and to provide medical, surgical, and hospital services and supplies for persons who served in the World War, the Spanish-American War, The Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion, and are patients of the United States Veterans' Bureau," it is ordered that the use of the following described parcel of land within the Fort Snelling Military Reservation, Minnesota, be and the same is hereby transferred to the United States Veterans' Bureau:

Beginning at the northwest corner Sec. 20, T. 28 N., R. 23 W.; 4 P.M.; thence south along the west boundary line of said Sec. 20 to a point twenty-one hundred and twenty (2120) feet from the said northwest corner; thence east at right angles to the said west boundary line of Sec. 20, a distance of twenty-one hundred and ninety-six (2196) feet, more or less, to a point on the westerly line of right of way of the Twin City Rapid Transit Company; thence in a northerly direction following the said westerly line of right of way a distance of eight hundred twenty-seven (827) feet, more or less, to a point on the south boundary of the N1/2 N1/2, Sec. 20, aforesaid; thence east along the said south boundary to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi River, thence northeasterly and northwesterly along the main channel of the Mississippi River to its intersection with the north boundary line of Sec. 20, aforesaid, thence west along the said north boundary line, same being the south boundary line of the City of Minneapolis, to the point of beginning; containing an area of one hundred and sixty (160) acres, more or less.

reserving to the War Department the right to use all existing utilities and roads on the said land.

It is further ordered that this transfer shall remain in effect so long as the United States Veterans' Bureau shall continue to use the said land, and shall be subject to easements granted by Congress and existing leases and licenses issued by the War Department affecting the above-described land.

CALVIN COOLIDGE

The White House,
August 11, 1925.

(No. 4282).

Department of the Interior,
November 15th, 1853.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, a communication from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, with its accompanying papers, in relation to a reservation heretofore made, under your direction, of certain tract of land on the Mississippi River, opposite Fort Snelling, for the establishment of a ferry over that river.

From the enclosed papers, it appears that since your order of the 25th of May last, for the reservation of the S.E./4 of the N.W./4, the S.W./4 of the N.E./4, and Lots No. 2 and 3 of Sec. 21, Township 28 N. of Range 23 W. was given. A survey has been made, under the direction of the War Department, of the whole of the tract intended to be reserved for the use of the post at Fort Snelling, and for the two ferries contemplated by the Act of the 26th of August, 1852.

This Survey embraces Lot 1 of Sec. 20, and Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Sec. 21, and excludes the S.E./4 of the N.W./4 and the S.W./4 of the N.E./4 of Sec. 21, on the left bank of the Mississippi River, and also embraces, an irregular piece of land on the right bank of the St. Peter's, containing 160 acres; which are regarded by the War Department as more suitable for the purposes contemplated by the Act of 1852, than the tracts heretofore reserved under your order of the 25th of May, last.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office therefore recommends that your order of the 25th of May 1853, be revoked, and that your approval be obtained of the Survey as made under the direction of the War Department.

Concurring as I do in this recommendation, I have drawn the necessary order on the back of this letter, for your signature, in case the suggestion shall meet with your approval.

I am Sir, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. McClelland,

Secretary.

To the President of the
United States.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Nov. 15, 1853.

R. McClelland,
Secretary.

Submits papers in relation to a reservation for the use of the post at Fort Snelling and for ferries over the Mississippi and St. Peter Rivers, and recommends that the President's order of the 25th of May 1853 be revoked and that the Survey as made under directions of the War Department be approved.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
November 16, 1853.

The order of the 25th of May 1853, directing the reservation of the S/E/4 of the NW/4, the SW/4 of the NE/4 and lots No. 2 and 3, of Section 21, T. 26, N. 23 W., is hereby revoked, and the Survey for the use of the post at Fort Snelling, and for ferries over the Mississippi and St. Peter Rivers, in Minnesota, as made by James W. Abot, 1st Lieut. of Top. Engineers, under directions from the War Department, is approved.

FRANKLIN PIERCE

Princ. Clk. of P. L. C.
19 Nov. 1853.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Sept. 3rd, 1852.

Register & Receiver,
Stillwater,
Minnesota Territory.

Gentlemen:

The act of Congress approved 26th ult. entitled "An act to reduce and define the boundaries of the Military reserve at the St. Peters river in the Territory of Minnesota", reserves for military purposes, "a quarter section on the left bank of the Mississippi River at the present ferry across that stream." The position of that ferry is not indicated on any map in this Office, it may be, however, opposite the road indicated on the official plat, of which an extract is herewith transmitted. You are requested to report to this office the quarter section embraced by this provision of the act in order that the same may be reported to the Executive for formal reservation. In case the ferry should be as conjectured, opposite the Road laid down on the accompanying sketch, a technical quarter section is not found in place, and therefore it will become necessary to submit for approval the four tracts shaded blue on the inclosed diagram to be described as follows: viz:- Lot No. 2, containing 32.86/100 acres to Lot No. 3 containing 38.50/100 acres, the South East quarter of the North West quarter containing 40 acres, and South West quarter of the North East quarter containing 40 acres, all of Section No. 21, in Township No. 26, north of Range No. 23, West of the fourth principal meridian, making an aggregate of 151.36/100 acres, or possibly you may see reasons to prefer lots 1 and 2, with the South East quarter of the North West quarter, making an aggregate of 126.92/100 acres, in either case the Section would be in lieu of a full quarter of 160. acres.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt. Servant,

JOHN WILSON,
Acting Commissioner.

LAND OFFICE, STILLWATER, MINN. TOWNSHIP.

September 19th, 1852.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. in relation to the "Act to reduce and define the boundaries of the Military reserve at the Saint Peter's River" etc., is received. In reply, we beg leave to state that in our opinion the Quarter Section embraced by the provisions of the act referred to, - is the one indicated on the diagram inclosed with your letter and described as follows:

Lot No. 2 containing 32.86/100 acres; Lot No. 3 containing 38.50/100 acres; the South East quarter of the North West quarter containing 40 acres and South West Quarter of the North East quarter containing 40 acres; all of Section No. 21 in Township No. 28 North, of Range No. 23 West of the fourth principal Meridian.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servants,

A. Van Vorhes, Register
N. Greene Wilcox, Receiver.Hon. J. Butterfield,
Commissioner, Gen'l. Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

EXHIBIT "B-1".

Returned to the Commissioner for further action.

Department of the Interior,
May 27, 1953.
G. C. Whiting,
Ch. Clerk.

See letter of advice to the Land offices at Stillwater, Minnesota.
June 13th, 1953.

Noted on the township plat of tract book of the G.L.Off. Minn.

Princ. Clk. of Govt. Surveys,
27 May 1953.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
May 25, 1953.

In order to meet the requirements of the Act of Congress of 26th May, last, referred to within, let the land officers at Stillwater, Minnesota be instructed to withhold from sale or entry, the body of land, opposite Fort Snelling at the junction of the St. Peter and Mississippi Rivers, colored blue on the annexed diagram and described as follows, viz:-

Lot No. 2 containing 32.86/100 acres,
Lot No. 3 " 59.50/100 acres,
the South East quarter of the North West quarter containing 40 acres, and the South West quarter of the North East quarter containing 40 acres; all of Sect. No. 21 in Township No. 29 North of Range No. 23 West of the 4th principal meridian.

FRANK PIERA

See letter of advice to the Land Office at Stillwater. 13th June 1953.

"EXHIBIT 'B-1'"

HEADQUARTERS

Fort Snelling, Minn.

May 5th, 1924.

SUBJECT: Appraisal Fort Snelling, Real Estate.

TO: Commanding General, Seventh Corps Area, Omaha, Nebr.

1. The following appraisal sales value of land, plants, buildings, etc., of this station is submitted in accordance with Confidential Letter, Headquarters, Seventh Corps Area, dated April 21st, 1924.

<u>Buildings.</u>	Original Cost	Appraisal Sales Value
Buildings, dwelling, officers	\$394,992.19	\$197,496.00
Buildings, dwelling non-commissioned officers (Value would about equal cost of wrecking).	81,504.64	None
 <u>Buildings, general.</u>		
Stables, garages, post exchange, Storehouses, etc. (Value would about equal cost of wrecking)	\$426,480.12	None
Barracks, Hospital, Administration Building, etc.	\$652,725.40	\$ 14,000.00
 <u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Roads, walks, systems, water system, flag staff, etc. (Value would about equal cost of wrecking).	\$355,425.20	None

2. There is attached map showing, in colors, various areas and suitability of land for various purposes, together with appraisal value of the land, viz:

Area shown in red covers 332 acres marsh and low land at \$10.00 per acre	\$ 3320.00
Area shown in purple covers 800 acres land suitable for building lots at \$500.00 per acre	400,000.00
Area shown in yellow covers 250 acres of land suitable for factory sites (located on Railroad spur) at \$350.00 per acre	87,500.00
Area shown in brown covers 1000 acres of land suitable for agricultural purposes at \$300.00 per acre	<u>300,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 790,820.00</u>

3. Appraisal sales value of all buildings, only	\$211,496.00
Appraisal sales value of plants, only	None
Appraisal sales value of items listed under Miscellaneous	None
Appraisal sales value of real estate, only	790,820.00
Appraisal sales value of entire reservation, including buildings, plants, land, miscel- laneous, etc.	\$1,002,316.00

1 Incl.
(Blue Print)

W. H. SAMPLE,
Commanding.

1st ind.

Headquarters Seventh Corps Area, Army Building, Omaha, Nebraska, May 6, 1924.
To: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. Report of appraisal as made by the Commanding Officer, Fort Snelling,
Minnesota, is concurred in.

GEORGE B. DUNCAN,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

1 Incl. (no change).

AG 600.94 (5-5-24) (misc.)

2nd ind.

HHT/ACW

War Department, A. G. O., May 12, 1924. To The Quartermaster General.

1 Incl.

W. H. B.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA,

St. Paul, Minn., May 12th, 1860.

GENERAL ORDERS,)
)
NO. 13)

In accordance with instructions of the 7th of April, 1860, from the Honorable Secretary of War, the boundaries of the existing Military Reservation of Fort Snelling, are hereby announced, as follows, (Eastman's survey,) viz:

Beginning at a point where the South line of the North-East quarter of the North-East quarter of Section thirty-two (32), 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 South-West corner of the North-West quarter of the North-West quarter of Section thirty-two (32), Town and Range aforesaid; thence North to the North-West 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, and the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers at the head of Pike Island, and the middle of the Minnesota River to the place of beginning.

By Command of Brigadier General TERRY;

GEO. D. KING,

Assistant Adjutant General.

"EXHIBIT 'I-1'"

EXTRACT OF G. O. 34 of March 14, 1908.

"Par. 2. The following is published for the Army for the information and guidance of all concerned:

The metes and bounds of the military reservation of Fort Snelling, Hennepin County, Minnesota, according to Eastman's survey as defined in General Orders No. 13, Department of Dakota, May 12, 1880, including the tract acquired for the purposes of a target range (General Orders No. 67 War Department, May 3, 1905), and a tract of 0.5413 acre acquired from Rosa P. Vincent by deed dated November 27, 1906, are as follows:

Beginning at a point where the north line of the south west quarter of Section five (5) Township twenty-seven (27) north, range 23 west of the fourth principal intersects the middle of the main channel of the Minnesota River, thence southwesterly, westerly, and northwesterly, to and with the center of a water course to the point of intersection of same with said north line of the south west quarter of said section five (5) thence west to the south west corner of the north west quarter of said section five (5) thence north to the south east corner Section thirty-one (31) township twenty-eight (28) north range twenty-three (23) west, thence west to south west corner of the east half of the west half of said section thirty-one (31) thence north to the north west corner of same, thence east to the south west corner of section twenty-nine (29) of same township and range, thence north to the northwest corner of section twenty (20) of same township and range, thence east to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi River and the confluence of the Mississippi and the Minnesota Rivers at the head of Pike Island and the middle of the Minnesota River to the place of beginning, containing an area of 2,381.75 acres."

EXHIBIT "I"

HEADQUARTERS,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

June 9, 1923.

Subject: Naming of Streets of Fort Snelling, Minn.

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C.

1. Request authority to name the streets of this post as follows:

Post Proper.

1. Ramsey Street, after Alexander Ramsey, first Territorial and second State Governor of Minnesota. Born in Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 8, 1815. Died in Saint Paul April 22, 1903. Representative to Congress from Pennsylvania 1842-47. Senator 1863-75. Secretary of War in President Hayes Cabinet 1879-81, Scotch-German descent.

2. Tower Avenue, after the Old Round Tower, still standing, and a part of the original Fort Anthony (now Fort Snelling) erected during the early days of the Northwest (1820).

3. Sibley Street, after Henry Hastings Sibley, first State Governor of Minnesota - May 23, 1858 to June 2, 1860. Born in Detroit, Mich. February 20, 1811. Died in Saint Paul Feb. 18, 1891. Factor for the American Fur Company of which John Jacob Astor was President. Was of Puritan stock. Was married at Fort Snelling May 2, 1843 by Post Chaplain Ezekiel G. Gear. Organized Minnesota Territory in Congress in 1848. In August, 1862 was commissioned Colonel by Governor Ramsey to command expedition against hostile Sioux. Fought in many actions which were mostly successful. Relieved Fort Ridgely and saved most of Major Bowers' Command in a bloody action at Birch Coulee, fought important battle at Wood Lake Sept. 22-23, 1862. Practically put down Indian uprising and was commissioned Brigadier General by President Lincoln. Took the Field again in 1865 with four thousand men. Was considered a great Indian Fighter. Made Major General by Brevet before retiring from active service in 1866.

4. Wilkinson Street, after Major Cary Wilkinson, 3rd Infantry, killed in action by the Pillager Indians at Leech Lake, Minn., Oct. 5, 1898.

5. Colvill Avenue, after William Colvill, Soldier, Captain and Colonel, 1st Minn. Vol. Infantry 1861-64, Colonel 1st Minn. Heavy Artillery 1865. Commanded the 1st Minnesota in its last great battle (Gettysburg), where the regiment won lasting fame and Colonel Colvill was several times wounded.

6. Taylor Avenue, after Zachary Taylor, Re-president of the United States, hero of the Mexican War. Served as a commanding officer of Fort Snelling, arriving at Post during the summer of 1828 as Lieut. Colonel of the First Infantry.

7. Pike Road, after Lieutenant Zebulon Montgomery Pike who entered the service at the age of fifteen years. When twenty-six of age and a Lieutenant in the Third Infantry was ordered to make a trip up the Mississippi River to its source and to secure from the Indians lands for Military and Trading Posts at the Falls of Saint Anthony and at the mouth of the Minnesota River. He secured the lands from the Indians who laid claim to them by formal conferences. He left his camp near Saint Louis, Mo. at 4:00 P.M. on Friday, August 9, 1805, in a keel boat seventy feet long, provisional for four months, with a force consisting of one Sergeant, two Corporals and seventeen Privates. On September 4th he exchanged his boat for two battaux and reached the mouth of the Minnesota River on September 21st, camping on the western margin of the Inland named for him (adjacent to Fort Snelling). He held treaty with the Indians at this place and after feeding several of the Chiefs prior to the meeting, had no difficulty in securing what he wanted. He secured over 150,000 acres of land along the banks of the Mississippi River to Saint Anthony Falls. The immediate payment made to the Indians was \$200.00 and 60 gallons of liquor. He erected a Fort near the site of Little Falls and returned to Saint Louis April 30, 1806, Captain 1st U.S. Regiment of Infantry 1806. Captain 1st U.S. Regiment of Infantry 1806.; Major 6th Regiment of Infantry May 3, 1808 and Colonel 15th Regiment of Infantry July 6, 1818.

8. Sage Road, after Brigadier General Sage, U. S. Army, Commanding First Training Camp at Fort Snelling during the World War.

9. Bloomington Road, the present name of this highway.

10. Minnehaha Avenue, leading to Minnehaha Park and Minnehaha Falls, (both in Minneapolis) and connecting with Minnehaha Ave. in that city.

11. Richfield Road, the present name of that highway.

12. Leavenworth Ave., after Colonel Henry Leavenworth, U.S. Army, the First Commanding Officer of Fort Saint Anthony (now Fort Snelling).

13. Minnesota Street, overlooking the Minnesota River, the buildings of this street have long been known as Minnesota Row.

Cantonment Area.

1. Scott Street, after General Winfield Scott, U.S. Army.
2. Grant Street after General U.S. Grant, U. S. Army.
3. Sherman Street, after General William T. Sherman, U.S. Army.
4. Sheridan Street, after General Philip H. Sheridan, U.S. Army.
5. Lawton Street, after General Henry W. Lawton, U.S. Army.
6. Davis Street, after Colonel William David Davis, Commanding Officer of the 361st Infantry. Regiment left for France in June 1918 and was in the reserve during the Saint Mihiel Drive. Combat regiment in the Meuse Argonne Offensive. Awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for "Extra-

ordinary heroism before Cosmas". Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service". Regiment engaged in the Belgian Ypres-Lys-Offensive. Colonel Davis was killed in this engagement when he went forward to adjust the position of one of his front line battalions. This was for Audenarde, about fifteen miles west of Brussels.

2. The naming of the streets on the post is considered desirable on account of making more definite the locations of various buildings, parade grounds and training areas for the benefit of trainees and civilians, as well as the permanent garrison.

3. Blue prints showing the streets named are inclosed.

A. W. BJORNSTAD,
Commanding.

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4th Ind.

War Department, O.Q.M.G., Washington, July 11, 1923 - To The Adjutant General of the Army.

1. Historical Records of this office and the post or reservation may do not show that the streets of Fort Snelling have ever been named. It is therefore requested that the plan presented by Fort Snelling and the 7th Corps Area be approved and that streets be named as outlined in basic letter of June 9, 1923.

2. It is requested that this office be informed of action taken in order that proper notation may be made on Historical Records.

For the Quartermaster General:

2 Incls. - blueprints.

E. S. WALTON,
Assistant.

5th Ind.

AG 611 Ft. Snelling, Minn. (6-9-23) (Misc.)

War Dept., A. G. O., July 15, 1923 - To The Commanding General, Seventh Corps Area, Omaha, Nebr.

Approval as recommended in the 4th indorsement hereon.

By order of the Secretary of War:

1 Incl. (in dupl.)

S. G. TALBOTT,
Adjutant General.

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(PUBLIC - NO. 64 - 68TH CONGRESS.)
(S. 1982.)

An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the construction, maintenance, and operation by the Chicago, Milwaukee and Saint Paul Railway Company, its successors and assigns, of a line of railroad across the northeasterly portion of the Fort Snelling Military Reservation in the State of Minnesota.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to grant to the Chicago, Milwaukee and Saint Paul Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, its successors and assigns, a permit to locate, construct, maintain, and operate a line of railroad across the northeasterly portion of the Fort Snelling Military Reservation in the State of Minnesota upon such location and under such regulations and conditions as shall be approved by the Secretary of War, including proper compensation for use of the land covered by the permit.

SECTION 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act, is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 28, 1924.

EXHIBIT "L"

(PUBLIC - NO. 533 - 67TH CONGRESS.)

(H.R. 14082.)

An Act To authorize the Valley Transfer Railway Company, a corporation, to construct and operate a line of railway in and upon the Fort Snelling Military Reservation in the State of Minnesota.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to give to the Valley Transfer Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, its successors and assigns, a revocable permit to locate, construct, maintain, and operate a line of railway, with single or double tracks, across the Fort Snelling Military Reservation in the State of Minnesota, upon such location and under such regulations and conditions as shall be approved by the Secretary of War.

SECTION 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 4, 1923.

"EXHIBIT 'M'"