

FORT CONCHO

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

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A Fort Concho Chronology

1867 - Site chosen for new post. (November)

First troops arrive. (December)

1868 - Post finally named. "Fort Concho" chosen. (March)

Commissary Storehouse built.

Quartermaster Storehouse built.

Hospital construction started.

Benjamin Ficklin establishes Concho Mail Station.

1869 - First Buffalo Soldiers arrive. (March)

Hospital occupied although unfinished.

Five officers' quarters built.

1870 - Bart DeWitt lays out village of St. Angela.

F.C. Taylor and W.S. Kelly lay out town of Ben Ficklin near Concho Mail Station.

Major Hatch experiments with adobe.

Barracks 1 & 2 finished.

Two more officers' quarters started.

1871 - Barracks 3, 4, 5, & 6 built.

Two more officers' quarters started.

Guardhouse built.

1872 - Hospital completed.

Commanding Officers' Quarters completed.

Post Surgeons' Quarters completed.

Indian battle at the North Fork of the Red River. (September 29)

Indian prisoners held in Fort Concho corrals. (October 1872-May 1873)

- 1873 10th Cavalry arrives at post. (June)
- 1874 Tom Green County created.

Battle of Palo Duro Canyon. (September 26-28)

1875 - 10th Cavalry Headquarters moves to Concho.

Construction of Headquarters Building started.

Col. Shafter explores the Staked Plains.

1876 - Headquarters Building completed.

Forage House built.

1877 - Nolan's Lost Expedition.

Officers' Quarters #7 built.

- 1878 District of the Pecos established.
- 1879 Schoolhouse/chapel built. Last permanent building built.
- 1880 Victorio Campaign. (April-October)

16th Infantry arrives at Fort Concho. (December)

1881 - District of the Pecos abolished.

Two soldiers murdered in San Angelo provoking soldiers' riots.

1882 - 10th Cavalry headquarters leaves Concho for Fort Davis.

16th Infantry headquarters comes to Fort Concho. (August)

Benficklin floods. (August 23-24)

- 1885 Last Buffalo Soldiers leave Fort Concho.
- 1887 16th Infantry headquarters moves to Fort Bliss.
- 1888 Railroad reaches San Angelo.
- 1889 Army abandons Fort Concho.