



Bent's New Fort

Citadel on the Arkansas

William Bent abandoned his old trading fort, moved east, and built a new fort in 1853 on a bluff overlooking the Arkansas River. The Army built Fort Wise nearby in 1860 and leased Bent's New Fort. In 1864, US troops left from this fort complex to carry out the Sand Creek Massacre.

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