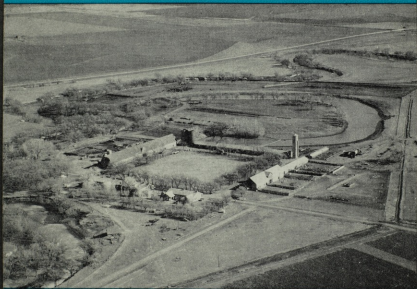


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THE COVER

An air view of old Fort Larned, a Santa Fe trail landmark which was several times besieged by Indians in pioneer days. Courtesy Don Richards and the Kansas Industrial Development Commission.

Buildings of the fort form a quadrangle around the old parade ground, with officers' quarters at the lower left. The property has been owned since 1902 by the Frizell family who operate it as the Fort Larned ranch. Present U. S. Highway 156 crosses the top of the picture.

Fort Larned is today an outstanding example of a nineteenth century frontier outpost erected for defense against the Indian. The National Park Service recently described the fort as "the best preserved post along the old Santa Fe trail."