

Fort Atkinson plan, not to scale. 1842 Reynolds.

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| 1. North Barracks, 1842 | 8. Cistern, 1840-43 | 15. Quartermaster's Stables | 22. Quarry |
| 2. Parade Grounds | 9. Laundry | 16. Granary | 23. South Barracks, 1840 |
| 3. West Barracks, 1840 | 10. Laundry | 17. Company "I" Stables | 24. Powder Magazine, 1842 |
| 4. East Barracks, 1842 | 11. Laundry | 18. Company "B" Stables | 25. SW Blockhouse, 1842 |
| 5. Guard House, 1840 | 12. Carpenter Shop | 19. Other Stables | 26. NE Blockhouse, 1842 |
| 6. Commissary, 1840 | 13. Blacksmith Shop | 20. Ice House | |
| 7. Sutler's Store, 1842 | 14. Bake House | 21. Root House | |

Early Fort building,
constructed in 1840.

Later Fort building,
constructed in 1842.

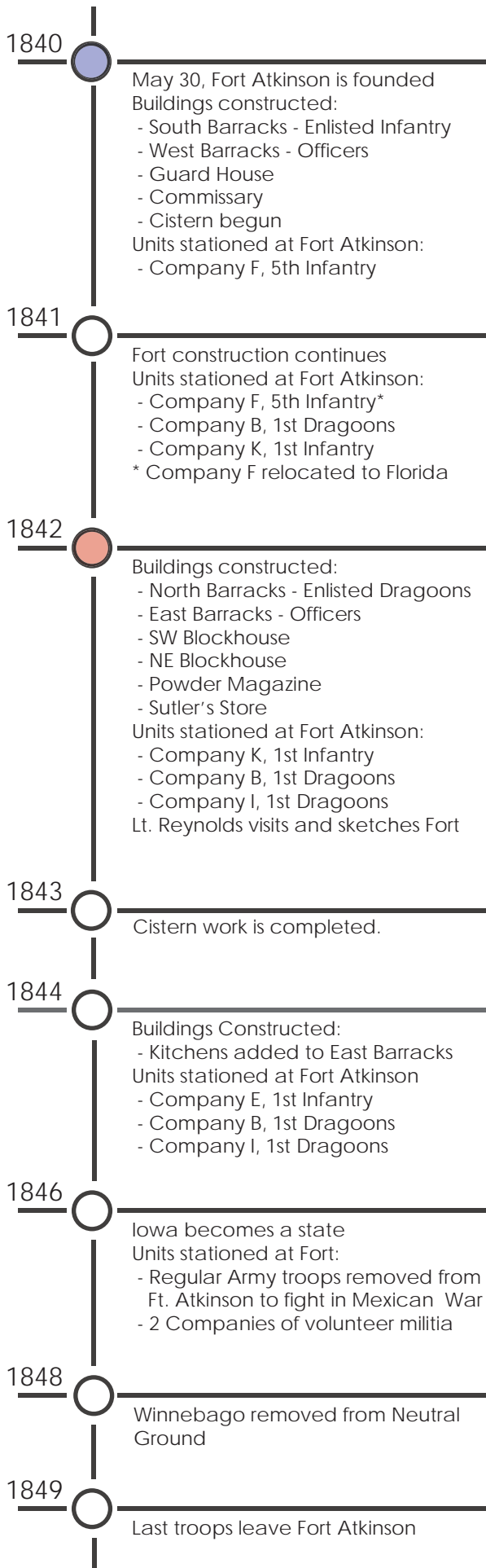


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Sketch of Fort Atkinson. 1842 Reynolds.

Fort Atkinson was an active military post on the frontier of the expanding United States in the 1840s. The purpose of the Fort was to keep the Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) tribe on the Neutral Ground in the Iowa Territory and keep them from escaping back across the Mississippi to Wisconsin. The soldiers at the Fort also kept the peace on the frontier between the Ho-Chunk, Sauk, Fox, and Sioux tribes and Euro-American settlers.

The Fort was an active military post from its founding in 1840 to its abandonment in 1849. No battles were ever fought at the Fort and most of the soldiers' time was spent constructing the buildings of the outpost. After the Fort was abandoned it passed into private hands and fell into disrepair. In 1921 the fort was acquired by the State of Iowa and became part of the State Preserves system in 1968.

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