



Fort Richardson State Park & Historic Site  
**THE COMMANDING  
OFFICER'S QUARTERS**



TEXAS  
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WILDLIFE

The last remaining building of its kind in the  
United States.



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The Commanding Officer's Quarters was the largest house built on the post grounds and was completed in 1868. The board and batten construction was the typical method used in the period. It is reportedly the only wood-frame officer's quarters from the Indian War period left standing in the United States.

Cottonwood was used for the external walls with plastered interior walls. The quarters consist of one central stair room (foyer). The east rooms consist of a parlor, dining room and kitchen. The west rooms consist of two bedrooms. The upstairs rooms were used for storage. Colonel Ranald S. MacKenzie had this house built with an attached kitchen, which was not the style for this region at the time.

Contrary to popular belief, during General William T. Sherman's brief stay at Fort Richardson, he did not stay in this house. He set up his campsite directly to the east and only entered the home to eat dinner with Colonel MacKenzie.