



# Music From A Mule's Skull

## The Company Barracks

This site is one of two company barracks. They were large two-story buildings that housed the enlisted soldiers at Fort Humboldt. About 40 men ate, slept and waited for their orders in their damp quarters. The life of an enlisted soldier was dreary at best. Seth Kinman was a local hunter who supplied elk meat to the men and entertained the soldiers with tales of his exploits with Grizzly bears. Famously, Kinman played music on his fiddle made from the skull of his favorite mule "Dave."

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