WALTER MASON CAMP

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f.6 485-487 Envelope 81: Cheyenne River Reservation, July 1912, Little Crow, Lamedeer fight; misc. notes re: Hump, Little Big Horn, Bears Paw and Big Foot's band,

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f.8 489-494 Envelope 83: W.H. Norton, 1911, re: Muggins Taylor's dispatch of Little Big Horn from
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f.12 517-520 Envelope 88: Data from Roe and his report re: Custer Little Big Horn monument; re: fight, 8/11/73.

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f.3 533-535 Envelope 130: Notes re: Preface, whites and Indians, Little Big Horn, Wounded Knee, Canyon Creek, Bears Paw, etc. (Lynch, Ryan, Scott, Barnitz, Knife, Garlington, etc.)
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f.7 650-666 Envelope 134: Notes re: whites and Indians, Preface, Little Big Horn, Nez Perce, etc.; Reference to Maguire's reports, etc.; Ben Clark biography by Mooney.

f.8 666-684 Envelope 135: Notes, clippings, references, etc.; Notes from Herendeen, Ray, Gerard, W.B. Jordan, James Boyle, Creighton, etc.; and nothing important except references

f.9 684-704 Envelope 136: Notes re: Whites and Indians, Preface, Little Big Horn, Fetterman, Crook, etc. fights. Death of Left Hand.

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Photographs
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2. Summer trip among Indians, 1912: Grand River, Rosebud Reservation, Arickarees, One Bull. Photographs taken by Walter Mason Camp
   a. Group scene of people seated on benches and chairs, listening to an Indian speak
   b. Six Indians, including a young boy, seated in a tent
   c. Indian in traditional dress; wagons and tents in background
   d. Indian in traditional dress near doorway of log structure
   e. Indian man and woman in traditional dress
   f. Formal portrait of Indian in traditional dress
   g. Formal portrait of seven male Indians in traditional dress
   h. Group of Indians of various ages in traditional dress and one white male (W.M. Camp?)
   i. Group of Indians and white male clergyman in church
   j. Group of 16 people (white and Indian) posed in front of teepee and U.S. flag (Negative only)
   k. Four white males posed in front of teepee (Negative only)
   l. Copy of photograph of Indian in traditional dress, by A. Bogardus, 872 Broadway, cor. 18th St., N.Y.


4. Reynolds, Joseph Jones. n.d. Photograph from The Collection
Appendix 2
Maps

1. Camp, W[alter] M[ason]. "Surveyed by W. M. Camp, September, 1908." Indicates Reno's Advance to Attack Village, and other details including Ford A. Blueprint. 40.5x45cm. Notes in pencil with red pencilled heading: "Interview with McDougall, 6/26/09"

2. [Camp, Walter Mason]. Surveyed by [W. M. Camp? Date? (information torn off but matches above Survey)]. Indicates Reno's Advance to Attack Village, and other details including Ford B. Blueprint. 40.5x45cm. Notes in pencil with red pencilled heading: "Interview with Rees, 8/24/09"


5. Maguire, Lt. Edward. "Plan of the Battlefield on the Little Big Horn Creek, Dakota Territory, June 25, 1876. to accompany his preliminary Report to the Chief of Engineers, Dated July 2, 1876." Blueprint. 22.5x27.3cm.


and the hostile Band of Ogallala Sioux under Crazy Horse, March 17, 1876. A true transcription from the original by me submitted Apr 21, 76, Anson Mills. Blueprint. 34x43cm.

9. Morton, Charles, 2d Lt., 3rd Cav. "Map of the Route of the Big Horn Expedition Commanded by Brig. General Crook, March 1st to 26th, 1876." Stamped May 7, 1876, a true tracing, W. S. Stanton, Capt. of Engineers. Blueprint. 44.5x87cm.

10. Morton, Charles. "Sketch of Crazy Horse's village and vicinity." Stamped May 7, 1876, a true tracing, W. S. Stanton, Capt. of Engineers. Blueprint. 33.3x36cm. Notes in pencil

11. Red Cloud Agency. Map of Red Cloud Agency in Dawes County, T31N-R52W. 1913. Oilskin 33x66.5cm. In pencil. Accompanied by notes entitled: Levels from River to the Monument. 2 pages. 10.5x13.5cm. In pencil

12. Oilskin map of an unidentified area. 29x37.5 cm. In pencil


