

WALTER MASON CAMP
PAPERS

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- f.14 521-532, 536 Envelope 90: Interviews re: Wounded Knee with **Andrew Good Thunder, Little Hawk, No Flesh; Louis Bordeaux** re: Beecher Island, etc., very important; Rosebud Reservation, Interviews, etc., Summer 1912.
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- f.3 533-535 601-617 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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634-635 preface, Little Big Horn, Washita, Beecher
Island, references Minnesota Historical
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- f.5 630-633 Envelope 132: Interviews with **Little Wolf,**
636 **Broken Foot, daughter of Dull Knife**; Location
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- f.8 666-684 Envelope 135: Notes, clippings, references,
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- f.9 684-704 Envelope 136: Notes re: Whites and Indians,
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Photographs
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1. Camp, Walter Mason. n.d. "Photographed by [Rivkin?] in 1934 from photo by Gibson, Sykes & Fowler, McVickers Theater Bldg., Chicago, Ill..." 2 copies.
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.
3. DeSmet, Rev. Pierre Jean, S.J., Fort Berthold, North Dakota. n.d. Calling card photograph by Nichols & Howard, Photographers, 60 North Fourth St., St. Louis, Mo.
4. Reynolds, Joseph Jones. n.d. Photograph from The Collection

of Americana of Frederick H. Meserve, New York

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"
3. Maguire, Lt. Edward, Corp of Engineers. "Custer's Battlefield, June 25, 1876." Drawn by Sergeant Charles Becker, Co. D, Battalion of Engineers, under Maguire's supervision. Blackprint. 38x52cm.
4. Maguire, Lt. Edward. "Map of the Line of March of the Troops serving in the Department of Dakota in the campaign against Hostile Sioux, 1876." Drawn by James E. Wilson, Sergeant, U.S. Engineers, under Maguire's supervision. Blueprint. 48x124cm. Two copies, one with notes in red pencil.
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.
6. Maguire, Lt. Edward. "Plan of the Battlefield of the 7th Regt. Cav. (June 25, 1876). Lt. Col. Custer, Maj. Reno, Capt. Benteen, 7th Cav., Commanding." Blackprint. 33x44.2cm.
7. "Map of parts of Kansas, Indian Ter., Texas and New Mexico." In 4 parts, each 35x47.5cm. Photostats. Pencilled note reads: This four-sheet manuscript map is undoubtedly the one which accompanied Gen Miles Report of Mar. 4 1875 on the Indian Ter. Expn of 1874. W[illiam] C[arey] B[rown]." See: Hammer, page xi.
8. Mills, Capt. Anson, 3rd Cav. "Map of the Battle of Powder River between Companies E, I, & K, 2nd E, F, & M, 3rd Cavalry, under command of Col. J. J. Reynolds, 3rd Cavalry,

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
13. U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Big Horn National Forest, Wyoming, 1917. 52x51cm. Printed.
14. U. S. Dept. of Interior. Crow Indian Reservation, Montana, 1910. 78x105cm. Printed.
15. U. S. Geological Survey. Topographic map. Montana (Rosebud County), Rosebud Quadrangle. Surveyed 1891-92. 52x39.5cm. Printed. Notes in blue and black pencil
16. [U. S. Geological Survey. Topographic map.] [Montana], St. Xavier Quadrangle, **and** [Wyoming], Bald Mountain Quadrangle. Cut out and pasted together. 40x32cm. Printed. Notes in pencil
17. U. S. Geological Survey. Topographic map. Wyoming-Montana, Sheridan Quadrangle. Surveyed in 1898 and 1909. 50.4x42cm. Printed. Notes in pencil