

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The University of Oklahoma

Norman, Oklahoma
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Faculty Research Committee,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find my application for a grant from your fund for original research into the history of the Plains Indians, chiefly Sioux and Cheyenne, to be carried out on a field trip to Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and Montana during the coming summer, 1936. I have previously done such work with these same Indians, which resulted in my books: SITTING BULL, WARPATH, and NEW SOURCES OF INDIAN HISTORY. In fact, WARPATH was the result of a field trip which you aided.

I have the confidence of the old men of these tribes, and know what can be obtained from them, and how to obtain it. What I find will, I feel sure, find a publisher and show some results for your Committee, if you make the grant. I cannot afford to make this trip on my own money.

The Indians I have to visit are scattered over an area about as large as the State of Texas. This will make necessary considerable travel, by motor, after I reach their region. The travel to and from that region I shall finance myself, as it seems likely that I must go there in any case. I estimate that travel within the area will total not less than 3000 miles.

The field work for this project can be completed before the end of the summer vacation. Just when I shall go among the Indians will be determined when, and if, the grant is made.

If funds suffice, I shall hope to contact the Flathead and Blackfoot and Crow tribes also.

My expenditure will be chiefly for travel by motor, and for assistance. By assistance I mean the labor of those who assist in "collecting and preparing" the basic materials of my research: that is to say, informants, interpreters, amanuenses, all of whom must be qualified. The actual work I do myself in person. An account of my methods will be found in NEW SOURCES OF INDIAN HISTORY. Equipment and supplies are hardly more than paper and pencils.

I am asking for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00).

Yours sincerely,

W.S.CAMPBELL