

"Cody, Gen. Miles I believe, and other prominent men of the frontier mention the fact that Sitting Bull could write, and hence presumably could also read, the English language, to what extent no one seems to know. The Colorado State Historical Society have a specimen of his signature, I have examined it myself, that is written in a very plain tho somewhat crude hand.

~~It~~ Both during and before Sitting Bulls time it was not unusual ~~for~~ for an Indian youth to attend a whiteman's school, sometimes as a pure blood protege, or perhaps more often as the half-blood child, of the white patron. Now and then, but more rarely, an Indian youth who sought "the white man's road" might be backed by those of his own blood in seeking something of a white education as a matter of ultimate good both to himself as an individual and to his tribe.

"Concerning Sitting Bull and what white education he had, all I personally know about it is that in 1925 the editor of the newspaper published in Liberty, Missouri, told me, face to face when I was there, that he had an old diary written many years before by some well known Old Timer of the Oregon Trail and its days, and in it that this man said that he had attended the University of Missouri in his own youth, and that one of the students there at that time was Sitting Bull, then a boy.

"Later, I talked with ^{White Feather} a half-breed Souix Indian in Denver, one ^{I think,} acting as interpreter and general go-between for some Indians then encamped in the Civic Center, who seemed to be a very level headed man and of average white education himself, and I asked him about this matter of Sitting Bull having once been a student at the University of Missouri.

"He told me that his mother and Sitting Bull's mother had been close friends, and that Sitting Bull's mother had told his, White Feather's, mother, that in his early boyhood that Sitting Bull realized that if he were to get on in the world that he must know 'the white road'.