

The following facts were told to me by Bears Ghost of Cannon Ball, N. D.

The story pretains to Isiah, a colored man who was killed with Reno's men. Isiah came up the river about 1871 and was married to a Sioux Indian woman of this reservation. He had a woodyard, north of Fort Yates, about half a mile. The dugouts can be seen yet. Isiah joined the Custer expedition the summer of '76 and was with Reno's outfit. He was shot in the brest. While lying on the ground, several Indians rode up to him(Two Bull, Shoots Walking and two or three others) Of course, Isiah was wounded but was able to talk. He talked Sioux to the Indians. "My friends you have already killed me, don't count coup on me." Sitting Bull rode up and said, "Don't kill that man, he is a friend of mine." Isiah asked for water and Sitting Bull got some water in a buffalo horn and gave it to him. After partaking of it, the colored man died.

Another item:

I don't know how true this story is:

The bay stud that Custer rode during his fight with the Sioux was sold to the General by Bear Ghost. The name of this horse was Vic. On the day of the battle Custer bestrode Vic.

(Courtesy of Mr. Frank Zalm)