

west of the Mississippi. This would not, of course, apply to half-breeds. I wonder if it would extend to Negroes or mulattoes? There were, of course, several mulattoes among the Crows, of whom Edward Rose and James Beckwourth were the most prominent. Ezekiel Williams mentions a mulatto among the Kansas in 1814. There were Negroes among the Ojibway from an early date. But I have no such evidence of Negroes among the Sioux, Cheyennes, Comanche, Arapahoes, Kiowas of this time. There were a couple of half-Negro, half-Sioux students at Hampton Institute in the early days, which of course proves nothing as vide Isaiah Dorman with his Santee Sioux wife: probably there were other marriages like his which were more fruitful.

I'd be interested in knowing what your opinion is on the authenticity of there being a Negro, deserter from the army or not, among the Comanches at Adobe Walls ~~in~~ 1874, either on the basis of general probability or more specific information.

Recently I came upon a problem somewhat similar to one which I put to you some time ago about the appearance of the name Black Whiteman or Negro among the Cheyennes, and concerning which you gave me the desired information. The matter to which I refer relates to the Delaware Indian named Big Negro or Big Nigger who is said to have been one of the ringleaders in the Taos insurrection, escaped after it, and went from tribe to tribe among the Plains Indians, Kiowas, Comanches, etc., trying to stir them up against the whites. He seems to have been a notorious character on the frontier of that time but the only information I can find about him seems to come from a single ^{printed} source, Twitchell's volumes on New Mexico, the information concerning him in which comes, I am sure, from a manuscript in the Mo. Hist. Soc. I encountered quite by accident last fall while trying to get some information