

Indian Arrowheads

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Mr. A. L. Shulenberger, Editor
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Dear Mr. Shulenberger:

I observe in the Middle Border Bulletin, Volume 6, No. 2, page 3, column 1, an interesting article on flint arrow points by W. H. Over. I should like to add a few words on that subject.

It so happens that some of the Sioux did make flint arrow heads in South Dakota within living memory. Chief Joseph White Bull, Sitting Bull's nephew, whose biography I published under the title WARPATH (Boston, 1934) told me that when he was eleven years old he saw his uncle make flint arrow heads.

This uncle was known as Looks-for-Home (Tiole aupi), sometimes known as Bakiula or Stooping, and was killed in 1869 near the mouth of Powder River in a fight known to the Sioux as "Thirty Crows are Killed," as narrated in my biography of Sitting Bull, chapter thirteen.

Chief Joseph White Bull was born in the Black Hills in 1849. He therefore saw his uncle making flint arrow heads in 1860. It is not improbable that Looks-for-Home continued to make such points up to the time of his death. He was an expert craftsman and made better saddles than any other man in his tribe, I was told.

Sincerely yours,

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