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least. There are considerable discrepancies between the accounts, and not too much other evidence to go on.

However, I have had quite a bit of experience with eye witness accounts, and these do not seem to me further off than others, particularly considering the time element. King's first account was four years after the event; Madsen's considerably later.

Neither could King come to any agreement with Cody, particularly about the knife and the scalping. King insisted there was no scalping, mainly, I think, because he thought it was highly improper, and would have been frowned on in official circles. He said the Indian wasn't scalped when King passed him while Cody was waving the bonnet. Didn't hear "Scalp for C."

While the Cody accounts in his various autobiographies are not of much value, a letter he wrote to his wife at the time, printed some years ago in the Baltimore Sun, seems to me authentic. In my opinion, it is not difficult to determine what Cody wrote for himself, and what was written for him, although I could not prove that any of it was ghost-written.

Well, these thoughts for your consideration. I don't think Hall would have taken the wagon train out without some kind of guard. And I also have a theory about the coffee (and an amusing parallel story). But enough.

Thanks for your picture. It adds interest to your works, most of which I have, I think.

Sincerely,

Don Russell