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come in and surrender. These men were not getting anywhere and were, of course afraid to get within ten miles of Bull's camp. Jordan knew Legare and thought very highly of him. He told Brotherton " If you want a man who can do the job I think I know the very man. He can do it if anyone can". Brotherton said "Send him to see me". So when LeGare came to Buford to buy supplies, Jordan sent him across the parade ground to see Brotherton. When he came back Jordan asked "How did you come out". Legare said, "Well, he talked all right and said I would be well paid if I accomplished anything but said he had no authority to make any contract and it would take a lot of money and supplies to get Sitting Bull feeling right" Jordan had a stock of goods at Wood Mountain and he suggested that LeGare buy this stock and said he would take LeGare notes for the amount of the invoice so that LeGare would be supplied with "the sinews of war". So the deal was made and LeGare did the job as we know. The Canadian government paid him some money which was applied on the debt. Jordan financed LeGare for years putting up money for cattle horses ,etc., and LeGare was honest and paid all he could. But he had a lot of rather speculative enterprises such as a cheese factory where the cheese all froze and spoiled. *a water work at Millbrook* LeGare had a lot of breed children who lost a big bunch of cattle and most of his speculations failed to make money. My brother-in law does not remember exactly the amount LeGare was paid but it was not settled till 1909 or 1910. He got the check from LeGare when the government finally paid him. The friendship between LeGare and W.B. Jordan was firm and LeGare said on his deathbed "all I have belongs to W.B.Jordan.