

Are there any men alive who saw Sitting Bull made head chief? I would like to know just what happened that day, who was there, what was said and sung, and what the time and place was. Bearsghost sang a song for men which he said was sung when Sitting Bull was made chief. But I did not get the translation. You know the books say Sitting Bull never was made a chief, and so I have to get the whole story about this, in order to correct the books. If there was a council, or a parade, or a ceremony, I want to know all about it, and who took part, and when and where. In one book it says Sitting Bull was made war chief on Lake Traverse. Is this so?

Sitting Bull was made head war chief near Rainey Buttes, Southeastern North Dakota 60 years ago. Red horn, Four Horn, Chase the tiger, and Loud Voice Hawk carried Sitting Bull on a buffalo robe to a large tent. About 4000 Indians were present. Four Horns was master of ceremonies. Four Horns said "For your bravery on the battlefields and as the greatest warrior of our Bands, we have elected you as our War chief -- the leader of the entire Sioux Nation! When you tell us to fight, we shall fight, when you tell us to make peace, we shall make peace." At the same ceremony Gall was made 2nd in command as War Chief. Crazy Horse was made head war chief over the Ogallas; choyennes and arapahoes, allied with the Sioux.

Sitting Bull was presented at this ceremony with 10 arrows, a bow, flint lock gun and a white Horse. Circling Hawk, One Bull; Old Bull, Crazy Bear, Red Bird and Bear Ghost were present. They are all living. Sitting Bull was declared chief of the Sioux Nation viz; Yanctonaai, Blackfoot, Teton(Hunkpapa) and Minneconoju. Gray Eagle (brother-in-law) of Sitting Bull was also at the ceremony. He is still living. Sitting Bull was also presented with a trailing war bonnet -- about 300 feathers.

I forgot to ask your father what he and Sitting Bull were doing in the lodge on the Little Big Horn when the soldiers came? Were they asleep or talking or what?