

MARCELLUS RED TOMAHAWK

(Tacankpe Luta)

Born - "We found a dead Indian in a log house winter."

My winter count shows this to have been 1849-1850

Age - "I was 16 years of age when we run off the beef herd from Fort Rice."

(This was in 1866 - Welch)

Father - Maka Opape - "Strikes the Earth."

(A Sihasapa Sioux. (Blackfeet. )

Mother - Was Hunkpapa Sioux.

Police - Was among the first to be a U.S. Indian Police at Fort Yates. Continued as police until about 1895.

Married - First wife was Maka Towin (Blue Earth Woman), a Hunkpapa. She belonged to the family of Rain in the Face (Ito Magaju), being a daughter of his youngest sister. Father of Maka Towin was Wahkiya Luta (Red Thunder) This man was not however, the famous Red Thunder who led the Yantonaize to Detroit during the War of 1812.

Family - Thirteen children by at least three wives. Francis, a Carlisle graduate, now living, was the son of Maka Towin. At this date, AUGUST 7th, 1931, there are three sons and three daughters living.

Died - At Cannon Ball, Standing Rock Reservation, N.D., Aug. 7th/'31

Buried - At Cannon Ball Catholic cemetery, July 11th, 1931. The Riders of the White Horse Society were in charge. Speech was made by A.B. Welch.

Pall Bearers :

Col. A.B. Welch, Member White Horse Riders Society.

John Gates, Sioux, Member Tribal Council. "

John Little Crow, " " " "

Izaak Hawk, Sioux, Member Tribal Council.

Paul Long Bull, " " " "

John Iron Boulder, " " " "

William Hawk, " " " "

*W. Welch*