

had at various times three chiefs of Negro blood; where a Cheyenne warrior mentioned in George Bird Grinnell's The Fighting Cheyennes got his name of "Black White Man" or "Negro"; whether or not any of the "buffalo soldiers" serving against the Plains Indians ever deserted to the enemy, as some Negro soldiers did in the Philippines.

I was also interested in the possibility suggested in a footnote that Frank Grouard was of Indian and mulatto rather than of white and Hawaiian descent. I came across mention of this character while doing research in the history of the Hawaiian Islands for my John Jacob Astor: Business Man and the account given of his origin in some of these sources/seemed so circumstantial that I was surprised to learn that it had been questioned.

Please pardon the length of this letter. If you happen to have immediate information throwing light upon any of the points mentioned above I should appreciate knowing of it, but I should particularly like to know where I could learn more of the interpreter Isaiah.

Very truly yours,

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