

GATCHELL'S DRUG STORE
T.J.Gatchell, Prop.
Buffalo, Wyoming

Cope

Grouard

May 9, 1932

Mr. J. G. Masters,
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Mr. Masters:

Replying to your letter of a few days ago, will say that there is absolutely nothing to the story the young lady you mention is purported to have "dug up".

Frank Grouard's father visited this locality many years ago, it being the first meeting of father and son since Grouard was left a child in California.

Mr. Grouard, Sr. substantiated in full the statement made in the story by DeBarthe.

Grouard was too well known by the "old time" plainsmen to have anything come up at this date to repudiate his birth.

Grouard's father was--notwithstanding the fact that he had married an off color woman--a high class man. Unfortunate circumstances and the fact that the boy was looking for adventure, caused them to become separated, and Frank's long residence with the Indians coupled with his service at frontier posts, was the factor which prevented the father from earlier locating his son.

Am glad that you had a pleasant meeting of the Historical Society and would have liked very much to have been there.

With kindest regards I am as ever

Truly yours,

(Signed) T. J. Gatchell