

not have the pistol here and cannot give you an exact description.

It is possible that some of the policemen used weapons of their own rather than those issued to them by the Government. Of course the arms carried by Sitting Bull's followers in the fight were of many makes and models.

I hope you may be able to establish the authenticity of the weapon you have, and if I can help you further, I shall be glad to do so.

Mr. Frank Zahn has helped me considerably in my research. His father was a soldier of Custer's command and recently died. His mother was an Indian woman of the Yanktonais, one of the finest women it has ever been my privilege to know. Zahn is descended from the founder of Zanesville, Ohio. His wife, he tells me, is descended from Captain Lewis of Lewis and Clark.

The last I knew, there were several Indians living on the Standing Rock Reservation who took part in the fight in which Sitting Bull fell. Little Soldier and Weasel Bear were very helpful in giving me information, and no doubt others may still be found there.

Cordially yours,

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