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Miss Isabel J. Campbell,
100 Valley Road,
Montclair, N.J.

Dear Miss Campbell:

In reply to your inquiry regarding authentic anecdotes or other personal information concerning Sitting Bull, I would refer you to "My Friend the Indian," by James McLaughlin, published by Houghton, Mifflin and Company. There is no better authority on the subject than Maj. McLaughlin who knew Sitting Bull and all the circumstances regarding him. The book contains two chapters on this man (pp. 179-222) and many items which are readily found as the book is fully indexed.

If, however, you would like direct information from Indians, I suggest that you write to:--
U.S. Indian Agent,
Fort Yates,
North Dakota.

The official title is Superintendent, but this is more direct and answers your purpose. The last I knew, Mr. E.D. Mossman was stationed there. He has been familiar with my work for many years and is in sympathy with research among Indians.

If I were in serious pursuit of such information I should probably write the agent and offer to pay a reasonable price for personal letters from any Indians who knew Sitting Bull, provided that all such letters passed under the sight of some clerk in his office, to be sure they were from reliable men. The Sioux are very fine Indians, and you would run less danger of imposition there than at some other localities. Red Tomahawk was living not long ago, and there are many men there who knew Sitting Bull in all his aspects. I knew such men when I was working at Fort Yates but do not keep any data that is not connected with my work.

I enclose a picture of Sitting Bull's grave, which you can have copied by a photographer, if you so desire. Please return this postcard when you are through with it. The grave is near the agency.

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,
James McLaughlin

and were forwarded, unofficially, by an agency clerk. It is best to enclose postcard for official letter.