

December 23, 1923.

Dr. Stratton D. Brooks,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear Dr. Brooks:

I have been doing some research on the life of Sitting Bull, the Dakota Indian leader. One informant states that Sitting Bull at one time attended the University of Missouri, presumably during his early years. He was born in 1833 or 1834 and was engaged more or less constantly in hostilities against the whites from 1864 to 1893. I am wondering if you would supply me with a statement as to whether or not this man is listed as a student or alumnus of your university?

As you are probably aware Sitting Bull was perhaps the most intellectual of all the Indians on the plains and was a match for all the white diplomats, Indian agents, and soldiers of his day, so much so in fact that some of the soldiers claimed him as a West Pointer. With kindest regards to you and yours, I am

Cordially,

W. S. Campbell.