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a piece of tracing-paper, and we will promise that it shall appear under his photo, if we succees in getting it. In writing Sitting Bull has received some instructions at various times from Mr. Allison, a worthy and trusted scout who has been in government employ a number of years, and having the comfidence of the officers in this department. He is a man of fine education, having been raised and schooled in Central New York, near Utica, and later years has been in government employ as scout, and interpreter of the Sioux language.

. In regard to the exact age of Sitting Bull we are unable to be positive, and we doubt if any one will be able to get his right number of years, and the best we have been able to learn in regard to it is as follows:

In the year 1875 the writer was informed, by an ex-Indian agent, that he was then forty-five years old, which would make him now fifty-one. Just after the Custer battle on the Little Big Horn, it was reported that he was then forty-two, which would make him now forty-seven. We are now informed that he is fifty-two, and we are inclined to believe the latter to be nearer correct, judging from his looks. That he has suffered hardships and privations we all know, and / he has evidently taken ramarkably good care of himself, as he shows a fine and healthy-looking countenance.

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How own statement to Mrs. Captain Harmon seems to make him 48 – that is as near as he and his father can guess and recollect.

Mrs. Harmon, while interviewing him on the steamer "General Sherman," asked him his age, and his reply was he thought he was 47. Mrs. Harmon, it appears, had some knowledge that led her to believe that he was older, and said, "Don't you think you are 48," and his reply was that he didn't know exactly, but he knew that he was a little older than "Roaring Thunder," and just at this time "Four Horns," father of the Chief, said, "Roaring Thunder is 46 and you are a little older – may-be-so-makes-you-48." This is probably the clearest and most reliable