

to take a final action to suppress this ghost dance which was becoming a menace to the Tribe. I'm simply expressing my viewpoint as one who had reformed, from all heathenish, hostile and barbarous ways, formerly one of the loyal followers of Chief Sitting Bull. But ever since I was about ten years of age and was one of the most active members in the Band for I had participated in good many buffalo hunts and fought under Sitting Bull against different Tribes but the most important fight I took part was in the Ouster Fight. After this fight I still went with Sitting Bull's Band to Canada and after being in Wood Mountains two years I returned with the first bunch of Sitting Bull's followers who were shipped down by steamboat from Fort Keogh to Standing Rock Agency. We were not taken as prisoners of war - we came in at our accord after the Great White Father stripped us of all our ponies, weapons of war and in some cases; valuable belongings such as robes, elk teeth and other relics of our by-gone days. Even after Sitting Bull was returned to Standing Rock Reservation, I remained in his camp near the Agency, where I tamed down somewhat, received my share of annuities and rations as provided under former treaties and started building a permanent log cabin for my family as well as shelter for my oxen and a few ponies.

I also started a little garden where I took particular pains to raise corn and some vegetables. Major McLaughlin, then Indian Agent took a liking in my efforts trying the new way of living and at once appointed me assistant boss-farmer - a position I held for two years. I took a claim where I have been living ever since when the Hostile Camp broke up and moved out to different parts of Grand River to establish for themselves permanent homes. I was promoted to the position of private Indian police - a work which, they say, I was well-fitted for on account of my past career with the Hunkpapa Band. I merely say this because I was at one time one of the strong supporters of the Chief but did not join him with his Messiah Craze. I had adopted new ways and had discarded all superstitions and other old time customs and practices.