

St. Paul-Minn..

11/15/23

W. S. Campbell,
Norman, Oklahoma-

Sir :

I am sorry to be able to give you little information regarding Sitting Bull. My father who died summer of 1926 could have told much about life in the army posts of the Dakotas. He was a contract surgeon with the army for many years. Except for the fact that a Med. Officer failed in an exam. for promotion my father would probably have lost his life with Custer. Had the officer passed his examination he would have been stationed at same Post & would have out ranked my father. The physician who did accompany the expedition in place of my father, was killed. I presented a buckskin shirt & pants made for my father to wear while with Custer's troops to the Minn. Hist. Soc. I was born at Fort Totten near Devil's Lake in 1875. Next we lived at Fort Seward, now Jamestown ND. From there we were ordered to Fort Yates ND. I was now about three years old. I can remember the standing rock near Fort Yates. Can remember seeing the Indians dancing near a place called Rattle snake Butte. An Indian named Holy Ghost was very friendly with my father while at the Standing Rock Agency. He gave Catlinite pipes to both my father & my self. When we left he came down to the steamer, picked me up & kissed me, while tears rolled down his cheeks. Our next station was Fort Sisseton & I was about four years old when we arrived there. This was a stockaded Fort with heavy gates which were closed at night. The barracks were of stone & some of the blocks were studded with small garnets. Snakes