

When the Indians at Fort Berthold discovered the loss and found Field's trail, they tracked the horses directly toward the main Sioux settlement at Devil's Lake. Believing the Sioux had stolen the horses, they gathered up some of the Sioux horses that night and went home with them, knowing the Sioux would follow them. Arriving at a place where they knew the Sioux would find them, they painted emblems on a buffalo skull telling the former that the Fort Berthold Indians had taken the horses and left them there.