

Delaware Indians

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January 2, 1947

Mr. Fred Woodard
c/o Earl Woodard
Dewey, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Woodard:

My old friend, Paul Eldridge, formerly of Dewey and now teaching at the University of Nevada in Reno has suggested that you might be willing to help me with a bit of information which I need for a book I am writing.

He authorized me to use his name in writing to you.

A little more than a hundred years ago some Delaware Indians in the service of the fur companies in the Rocky Mountains were mentioned in old records. Among these was a man whose name is given as Gray. One writer suggests that these Indians of the Rockaway sub-tribe of Delawares belong to some other tribe.

I think the record is clear, but would like to inquire whether the family name Gray was found among the Delawares when you knew them.

Also, were there any Delawares whom you knew to have been descendants from the Rockaway sub-tribe or band.

I shall be grateful for any information you can give me on these matters.

Cordially yours,

W. S. CAMPBELL

P. S. Perhaps I should explain that my pen name is Stanley Vestal and that I am the author of twenty books, most of them about the old West.

Cordially yours,

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