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Dear Walter: -

As I said, I am working and cannot do any writing now and most of my stuff is in the storage. Anyway I wouldn't know what you had or hadn't. If I saw what you wrote I could tell if it was authentic just from memory. I suppose you have Gen. Forsyth's own account. If not you should have it. A couple of men who were with him also wrote itemized accounts. I have a list of the men furnished by Major Duman's clerk. It is not quite complete for there were 51 men and 3 officers & the list gives only 50. You have read how Jack Stillwell and his buddy hid from the Indians in a buffalo carcass and a rattle snake was in it and Jack squirted tobacco juice in its eyes till it slithered out.

The summer of '40 I was working in the Kans State Hist. Bldg at Topeka where I gathered material for a hist. of Ottawa Co. (where I was born) and of course much of it has to do with Indian raids. We were only 10 mi. from the place the historians call Ft. Lockett which was not a fort of course but a private stockade built by the 3 families there for their own protection. I know all about the kidnapping of the two women by Tall Bull. Mrs Morgan came home in the fall before father came there in the spring but I heard the story