

Camp, Douglas, Ill. Dec 8. 64

Dear Brother i received your letter
and was glad to hear from you
and i am well and hope you the
same i sent you 5 cents in paper
last letter it was all the change
i had then i have got me
a nice pair of boots i saw a pair
of skates i had a notion to
buy them for you and send them
to you but i have no ~~chance~~
chance to send them but i
will send you some money in
every letter so that you can
save it and buy you a pair
of skates this winter i would
like to come home Christmas
and have some fun but it is
blaid out i can not come
it is cold here now the
ground is covered with snow
how do you and Agnes sister
get along. have Agnes been

drunk since that time you
led him home This is all
at present. Be a good boy

From your brother

John Green

24, 0, 2, 2

\$18 for 2nd enlistment

is in Black hills now and I dont know
whether we will be sent to it or to fort
hays (Headquarters) there is only two of us
in regard to the pay Cavalry and infantry
both get the same \$13 per mon for the
first year 14 for next 15 for next and 16
for last two - I enlisted for five years
they take no men for three years now
not since 1861 my wages will be \$15
from the beginning and all I have to do
will be to take care of my horse carbine and
saber and mend shatters and things I dont
have any fatigue duty or picket duty to do
Except as corporal of the guard
did you get all of my things two coats and
vests pants shoes shirts and ties I dont
care what you do with them but keep my
collar button it is 300ad gold
you say John is going to Sedalia
I think it is a good move it is the
most beautiful country that I ever saw
from Jefferson city to Sedalia and on to

Evening. Read paper and read ~~letter~~ to go to
fort Russell tomorrow at 10 o'clock they give
no commutation money for 6 days it will take 6 days to
go there we go to Denver and take the Rock Pacific
R.R. and go to Russell on the Great West
on noon as I get there - Russell is in G. J.

Fort Leavenworth Kas

June 23rd/76

Dear parents I arrived here
yesterday all right and I take the
opportunity to drop you a few lines
my leaving St. Louis was very sudden
and unexpected I expected to stay three
or four months I had barely time to
go and see Nellie before I started

I felt like jumping off at Franklin
as I come along - you say in your
letter to Nellie that you wrote me a long
letter I did not get it have only had
one since I come to St. Louis

I do not know how long I will remain
here and I don't care this is a good
place it is on top of a mountain overlooking
the Me river it is cool and pleasant and
plenty to eat this is an infantry post
no cavalry here at all but our company

Kansas City you can see
nothing but prairie as far as you
can see and it is good tho the crops
look well it is 30 miles to Kas city
from here 50 to topeka.

I had four pictures taken at Cincinnati
I gave Sarah one and mort and Emma
one and told Sallie to send the other
to you if you ~~get any~~ have written
any letters to me at St Louis they will
be forwarded to my company I will
get them when I get there

the reason I did not keep my shirts is it
would cost me extra for washing
tell John he had better go over on the
other road near sedalia I think he
could do well. if he could get in
a military post he could do well
they pay \$75 and \$100 per month but
it is hard to get in unless you serve
one enlistment

over

both the Cavalry and inf.
are armed with No. 6 guns

you need not answer this letter
for I may go from here at any
time I will write to you as often
as possible dont worry about me for
I am as well off as if I was at home
tell grandma to take good care of
her self and not let the ticks eat
her up and father dont take it so
hard about me leaving it is the best
i could do dont work to hard I wish
I could be there to help you but it is
out of the question
this is all for this time so good bay
love to all

Jim

Company D 5th C.

this is the first day I ever felt I dread the training

Fort Laramie June 27th 76

Dear parents I arrived here
at 4 this evening all right
we left Leavenworth the 2nd went to
Cheyenne then to Ft. Russell then on
to here as escort for our Col. we came in
an ambulance ^{from Russell} did not see any indians
now I must tell you about the country
the country from Leavenworth to Abolene
125 miles is beautiful prairie all in
cultivation I saw wheat fields as far
as I could see back and 3 or 4 miles long
the farmers have the best of machinery
then from Abolene all the way here is
a vast desert plain all sand hardly
any grass have not seen a tree since
I left Leavenworth Denver is right at
the foot of the rocky mountains the
tops are covered with snow it is very
cool here the wind off the mountains
is cool

I saw lots of Buffeloa and antelopes
as I came along we past through the
south range of Black hills coming
here there is lots of party's going to
the Black hills in spite of the indians
my company is on there way to join
the expedition they are near custer city
now about 100 mile from here we will
leave here in the morning with an
escort to join them the col will go with
us they want every man they can get
gen Crook had 2 engagements
he got whiped lost 7 killed and 15
wounded about 40 men killed
alltogether in the 2 and about the
same number of Sioux killed
there is talk of calling volentiers

before it will be settled the sioux
number 13000 braves and are well
armed - as we came along we would
pass a team of goods for the indians
then a a team of goods for soldiers

one department feeding them
and the other fighting them
I expect gen Shridan will relieve
Crooks and take command himself
our col is a perfect gentelman he
was gen in the volentiers service
his name is Merritt

I do not know when I can write again
it may be two or three months
befor I can send word again
but I will write as soon as possible
there is nothing but stage lines
between here and Cheyenne
(pronounced) shian
we stoped for dinner at topeka kas
but I did not see any thing of
tiptons.

Every thing is dear here whiskey
25 cts per drink consequently most
every body is temperate
well I must quit and go to bed
for I will have a long ride tomorrow

This is all for this time
you need not answer this I
will write as soon as I can
dont worry about me

Yours J. B. Frew
Com. L. 5th C.

28th the order is for every man
to be ready for the road at 12³⁰
we have an Escort ~~of~~ a hole
company goes with us

I must go and get ready
yours as usual

Jim

with down



Montanna Ter
Yellow Stone River

will write as soon as possible as soon as possible

mouth of powder River Aug 19th

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dear parents and friends I take the opportunity to write you a few lines to let you know how I get along this is the first time I have had a chance to write or I would have written sooner it is I Recd a letter from you at Fortman July 25th but had no chance to answer it as we left there in our hour after and went to crook then we struck the trail and followed it ever since followed it 27 days with out laying over a day and still did not catch them it is a very large command numbering about 3400 and about 400 indians Every time they draw Rations they have a dance and make the night hideous with there yells. (the indians)

did you get the letter I wrote at Fortman

we have layed over here two days
there is a steam Boat here with
supplies I just got this letter paper
from the sutler have not time to
write much we man camp in
our town to go 4 miles up to get
more grass for the stock the horses
did not get any grain for 20 days a
greate many give out and was left
behind and three of the infantry
men give out two of them died
and one rather than be left
behind blew out his Brains
I bought some Chuse and crackers
and onions today - this is a very
cold climiate I nearly froze the 9th
of Aug had to walk lead our horses
it was so cold I think we will start
back to kas soon it will take a man
or more to go back this is all good by

address as follows and I will get it

James B. Frew Co D 5th Cal
Via Fort Laramie
myo Per

St James Mo June 16

Well Son we received your
written from Cincinnati saying
you had enlisted and was to
stay the least surprised - but it may
be not so bad after all if you live to
get through with it - the biggest
danger is from disease of which you
must guard against by every possible
means - not son let me give you some
advice - the rules in the Army are as
you probably know - very strict and
obedience to ever order required to
the letter - now to insure good treatment
and respect is to obey promptly your
Commanding Officer - it is not the
place is well decide to see you in
but as you ~~are~~ have enlisted carry
it out like a man - my father and
grand father were soldiers and
honorable ones in the wars of 76 and 12
and since you have undertaken it
go through with it like a man and
dont bring dishonor on the old

Scots name of "Prest"

our word more by way of advice
dont over let a shop of whiskey
enter your month for that is the
bane of a soldiers life - that is
the great objection I had to you,
enlisting the Map of the Army is
made up of such men - more
believe if you pursue a short forward
course get in the good will of your
Officers through good behavior
with you good looks and learning
you ^{will} be advanced and many a
favor shown you that you would
not get otherwise - again save
your money send it home and
will put in in Bank or to some good
man at Subst do that when you
get home you will have something
to go on - one word in regard to
the Army and I have above water
the settled as a general rule they
are land sharks byphothem you can
do without - as you are in the Army
make it pay and come out like
a man - you will have money
over

plenty to buy you a improved farm
then set you a wife and settle down
for life - it was always my hope
that i would have my children

about me but perhaps it is all for
the best - all i can say is do your
best and God Bless you and keep
you from all harm - do not keep
me in suspense but write every

two weeks give me the name of
your Captain and Col if only it
is if they belong to any of the
Orders i do i should get by on some
favors it would not hurt any thing
thine

Now i will tell you about the Farm
i rentee the new ground to Rose it is
in corn your farm is in Hungarian
he gives me one half of the corn in
the sheel and half the grass ~~in~~ cut
on the ground - the hill side i have
in Corn and potatoes i have oats
in the far end under the Bluff and
in the Orched all looks well

my corn in the bottom looks well
i have a good fence all on my
side of the creek - i have all the
ground back of the bluff in corn
or rather Rose has i give it to
him the first year to clear it up

my grape vines is very nice - i
set out 25 more Apple trees this
spring all doing well every thing on
the place looks well but your dog
he has ten sick for a week but is
getting better - the gun is all right

old Black had a fine calf and
gives all the milk we want - Cherry
does well to, nice Calo this fall so well
will have a winter corn

times is very hard no money to be
had, this will be a large Harvest
of oats and wheat - they mowed the
Round House to Dixon and St James

is dead we cannot sell any thing
in the Town - got Smith and Hobbs
has failed their stores looked up
some other Merchants expected to fail
well son i must quit - dont fail to write
often -

Dear Son yours truly
Geo W Tibbets

Oct 6th 1876 Sacata T

Camp near Cedar City

Dear Parents and friends your well come

Letter is Recd I got it Sept 29th dated

Sept 18th was glad to hear from Home

and friends again we have been laying

here since Sept 23

we dont know how long we will stay here but

expect to go back to Kansas soon for it is

getting to be very cold up here the days I Recd

the letter was very cold and we were not fixed

for it as all our tents and a good many over

coats and Blankets were left in the wagon

trains at Cedar camp one good week when we

started after the Indians Aug 5th we took our

sachons on pack mules 500 of them and

expected to overtake them at Rose Bud creek

and come back to the wagons in a few days

but they went down Rose Bud and split

out between us and Toiy's command

then we all followed the trail to the yellow

stone and the trails split up and we started

with 15 days sachons to go back to wagon

got about half way and back took a notion

to go across the country to deadwood creek

traveled a day or two and layed over about

by so he could prospect untill our

sachons were nearly gone then we had

to make forced marches from 28 to 40 miles

a day and no grain for the horses and then

travelled within 18 miles of the Lincoln

on 42 sachons but would not stop and

had about 80 miles to go to deadwood

it rained all the time had 21 days

rain and after we crossed the little

the River it came down to a hard track

a day then nine days we had nothing

but horse meat and two days we

had no meat to make a fire and could

not cook it they only killed the same

beef and played out horses a detail some

behind the command every day on horse

the abandoned horses in to camp and kills

and showed them to us

on the 8th of Sept 150 men with the best

Horses were sent on ahead to get started to get rations for us about 200 miles and they accidentally came upon the Indian village the Scout Frank Leonard came back and told us we went and charged upon them at day Break the 9th took them by surprise captured over 300 ponies and with the Red's to the hills and 12 of them went in to a ravine near by it was about 50 feet long and 20 wide 20 deep fully of rocks and brush we fired in to them for about two hours killing five of them including American Horse their Chief then they gave them selves up the dead ones were dragged out skinned and scalped two wounded squaws with papoose were let go we lost five men killed and the Scout white. he was killed when he was going to shoot in the ravine shot three the West all he saved was Ah. Ford we got it from Boys and spotted down the bank.

Every thing was quiet for a while then about 3 o'clk in the evening the prohetta appeared and were down in and the Indians charged upon us from every side the Bullets were flying all around us our horses were undisturbed so we were tucked out in line all around on foot the firing was kept up till dark then they retreated to the hills a few shots were fired during the night there was about 1500 pounds of dried meat in the village but a few of the 5th stole some of it and Cook would just issue any to us gave it to the 3rd and 2nd cavalry and would not let us have any ponies either and about 200 of the 5th were dismounted having eaten their horses they were eaten up clean even the heart livers and lights and not a bit of salt I made Sals of mine put ponies in for salt - About a thousand Baygals made were Burned the men were not allowed to take them the horses and men were to walk to carry them we went on next day and the 12th marched 40 miles from day light till midnight and lost over 300

Horses about 200 of the men did not get in till
 the next day i got in about 1. o'clock I was walking
 my horse killed the day of the fight and the
 mud was about ankle deep a good many
 men died of over exertion that night as well as
 horses the command layed over next day to wait
 for them to all come in and a party mounted
 on pony's men sent on to crook city and the
 next day a heard of cattle and wagons with
 rations came from there the boys were nearly
 wild with joy you ought to here them shout
 I have walked since we left the indian village
 about 250 miles north of here 100 miles from
 deadwood there is a good deal of gold here but
 the men have to hold on to there scalp with
 one hand while they dig with the other hand
 the object in crook's keeping us here is
 he has a Brother in law here who is a
 sutler and he is keeping us here to be
 payed so as to spend our money with
 him he will not give us enough clothing
 so as to make us buy from him he has
 laid in a big stock the paymaster is coming
 in a day or two but he will get none of my
 money I have never heard Crook's

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name mentioned but with a curse
the men fired into his tent tried to
kill him he thought it was indians
this is all for this time would like to
see you all very much write soon and
tell me if John went to Texas
there is a man in the company was
discharged by order the other day he
was under age he got no pay and will
have a hard time to get home live in
Boston and several others are expecting
to be discharged about half the men
will desert as soon as they are payed I
have all ready gone to horse and arms
as soon as we get back to Kas I wish
you would see about it and get me out
certify that I am under age enlisted
without your knowledge and am your only
support in your old age let me know
if you will do it immediately but
dont do any thing till i write and
tell you when i get payed and draw a
lot of cloths i will send you money as
soon as i get a chance i am fat and hearty
have not had a sick day my beard is as long as Johns was
when he come home from Osage Jim

Nov 7th / 76

Siding Barracks Neb

Dear father I recd a

letter from you the 4th and
answered it the same day
saying that I would send the
affidavit to Col Murrill
but I have since taken
the advice of the company
clerk one Chas Gilbert
from Cincinnati and a
particular friend of mine
he says the proper way to
do it is for you to send
an affidavit to the Sect
of war.

Enclosed you will find a
letter written by him
you copy it and have another
paper made out as soon as

you get this but dont
send it off till I write
again and tell you that
I have got my pay
we expect to be payed soon

I am well and hearty I
weigh one hundred and
sixty eight pounds
that is more than I ever
weight before hoping this
will find you all well I
am yours as ever

Answer soon

James D. Fry

Co. D 5th Cavalry
Sidney Barracks

I
W. H. quit it cotton
summers instead
of wool

Nov 7th / 26

Siding Barracks Neb

Dear father I read a

letter from you the 4th and
answered it the same day
saying that I would send the
affidavit to Col Merritt
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James D. Fren

Co. D 5th Cavalry
Sidney Barracks

W. H. ^{get it collect}
^{summarized}
^{of major}

Mount
No. 1001
6122

Sunday Nov 27th / 16

Dear parents

I received your last letter dated Nov 10th the 12th was glad to hear from you I did not answer it because I kept waiting for the paymaster to come did you receive your letter with a letter written by Chas Gilbert in it tell me in your next the way to work this thing is to send an affidavit to the secretary of war and he will send an order for my discharge that is the way a fellow was discharged out of the company two months ago the paymaster come this evening and will pay us tomorrow I wish you would attend to

immediately on receiving this
as I will get no pay untill
the first of January for this mon
and next I get five months and
6 days pay this time

there will be a great many
men desert as soon as they are
payed I know of seven or eight
that will go sure and a good
many will go in the spring
I am having easy times now
not much to do and pretty
fair grub
Monday Evening

got payed day to day I got
\$69.95 for that thing as soon
as you get this

this is all for this time
so good by love to all
James B. Frew
Sidney Barracks
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Dec 17th/56

Sunday Morning

Dear father

I just received your letter
dated 15th glad to hear from
you it is very cold and
windy this morning and
Suspension is just over
in regard to the money I will
send it immediately the mail
goes out from here at eight
o'clock this evening
I will write to John today
I wish you would attend to
that thing as soon as possible
write to Senator Thurman
and maybe he will hurry
it up what I am afraid of
is that we may have to go
out on the scout again

we will be sent out in
the spring sure and I will
never go on another scout
the report here is that
Gen. McKenzie had another
fight and we may be sent
for but we do not believe
the report

well this is all for this time
so I will close give my love
to all and write soon

Yours as ever
Jas. B. Fremont
Co. D. 8th

P.S. Who is Elected president
Monday could not send this
last night they would not
register it on Sunday
it will go at eight o'clock
this evening

Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, D.C.

Jan'y. 17. 1877.

Hon. A. C. Thurman,
U. S. Senate,

Sir:-

Referring to your endorsement of Jan'y
10. 1877, on communication of Mr. George Frew, of
St. James, Mo. I respectfully inform you that
orders have been issued for the discharge of his
son, James B. Frew, Saddler, Co "D", 5th Cav.

Very resp'y,

Your obt. servt.

E. D. Townsend
Adjutant General

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Sidney Barrack Nib

Jan 30th/42

Dear father & mother Your welcome letter is Recd I was very glad to hear from you but sorry that father is not well - I wrote a post card to you telling you not to send the order my intentions were to take you by surprize I did not need the order at all the Sec of war sent one here to Sumner it came here the same day that your letter did (the 20th) Sumner put off discharging me thinking that the P. Master would be here the next week and then I could get my pay but he did not come he could not put it off any longer so he gave me my discharge Sunday 28th I am a citizen again but I will have to wait here till the P. M. comes any how for I have not enough money to bring me home and I have \$40.00 coming to me in the company and cant get a cent till they are payed it is expected that he will be here this week but it is uncertain when he will come - I will come home as soon as I am discharged & payed

this is all for this time I will send you a card when I leave here hoping to be with you all soon I am as ever

Your Affectionate Son

James B. Frew



A. E. LONG

HIGH CLASS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS

PERSONAL WORK IN ALL CASES

3022 SOUTH 34TH ST.

OMAHA

Nebraska,
August 7, 1928.

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Mr. J.B. Frew,
Frew Saddlery Co.,
Merriison, Ark.

Dear Mr. Frew:
Your letter of July 31, containing some of your diary covering the period of the killing of Yellow Hand, interests me greatly.

I am wondering if you have any further recollection of the circumstances of that killing, besides what your diary shows. Was there any fight between Cody and Yellow hand, or did Cody just shoot into the pack of Indians and happen to kill the chief?

Do you remember hearing anything from any of the men of the Fifth Cavalry about Yellow Hand issuing a challenge to Cody to fight him single handed? Or did you hear the Indian shout out anything of that kind, either in the Indian tongue or in English? And did Cody ride out apart from the troop to meet the chief in battle?

Of course, you are familiar with the common legend on the subject. The common story which almost everybody believes, is that the Indian challenged "Long Hair" or Cody, to single combat. That Cody rode out toward him, and that they came together at a gallop. That the Indian fired and missed, and Cody fired and killed the Indian's pony. That Cody's horse stumbled and fell, throwing the combatants virtually together on the ground. That they arose and fought it out with knives. That Gody slew him, scalped him, and waved his scalp on high, shouting "First scalp for Custer."

That, in brief, is the commonly accepted story. It was never my intention to detract one bit of the glory from Cody, for I regarded him as a competent scout and a courageous youngster. But facts are facts, and if this story is fiction, we can do no harm by getting his story straight. As I understand it, the story of this "classic duel" with knives, was concocted by Major Burke, the publicity man for the Buffalo Bill Wild West Circus, just to make Cody seem a more monumental and classic figure of the frontier, and doubtless that story put millions through the cash register of the circus in its palmy days, for you can imagine how the youngsters saved their dimes to get money to go and see the great man who had done such a heroic deed.

Being with the Fifth on that remarkable day, you were probably within sight of Cody and Yellow Hand when this incident occurred. You were probably within hearing, and you probably know as much as any man living about what actually occurred there. If no challenge was issued, you probably know that. If it was issued, you know whether Cody accepted the challenge and rode out to fight.

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3022 SOUTH 34TH ST.

OMAHA

If by any chance you were not near enough to hear and see this, you surely remember what the troopers said about it that evening in camp. If there was such a duel, it would have been the talk of the troopers for days and weeks and months, and you must have heard the thing rehearsed over and over many times. In short, you must be one of the few men who has the facts, and I should be greatly pleased to have them from you.

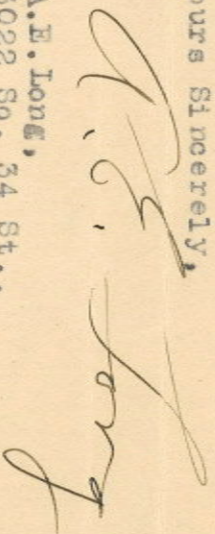
I am not writing a history or anything of the kind. I am only a great admirer of western heroes, but I want the straight of it, and do not like to spend my time admiring a man for a deed he never performed.

Cody told me with his own lips at the Menshaw Hotel in Omaha that he had killed Yellow Hand. This was because I put the direct question to him as to whether that story of the duel were true, or whether it was merely one of the many fiction stories written about him. I was then a newspaper correspondent, and he was a show man, when I asked him the question. He said, "Yes, I killed him. He was just a smart buck, and I had to kill him. Will you have a cigar?" and he cut the interview off abruptly by buying me a 25-cent cigar. It looked strange to me that he wanted to cut that interview off as soon as I got on that delicate subject.

So please tell me more about this. Your diary is splendid, but it does not go far enough on this incident. I feel, and I think you will agree, that if such a classic duel had occurred that day, your diary entry would have been more complete. You, as a young soldier, would have been so excited and so impressed by such a remarkable spectacle, as to have written a page or two of diary about it.

I shall be very grateful to you if you will elaborate a little more on just this particular incident. Thanking you for writing me, and sincerely hoping I may hear more detail from you right away, I am

Yours Sincerely,



A. E. LONG,
3022 So. 34 St.,
Omaha, Neb.

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Aug. 8th. 1928.

Mr. A. E. Long,
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th. in regard to the "Yellow Hand" incident which I presume you saw in the Star.

I am very glad to give you more information on the subject tho I must be brief on account of limited time, as the nature of my business requires my constant supervision. Yours is one of a number of letters I have requesting more information on this subject but unless there are too many I will be very glad to give the best information I have to anyone interested.

I of course was familiar with the accepted story of the duel between Cody and Yellow Hand and like you, have always considered it a publicity "stunt" for the Citrus business. In all due respect to my late friend Cody, I will say that there was positively no foundation whatever for the "duel" story. The facts in the case are this:

We were just about to go into camp when our pikets reported Indians on the march coming directly toward us. We were ordered to hide in the ravines and did so without having been seen by the Indians. Just at this time two couriers from Red Cloud Post approached from an angle that would bring them in the direct path of the Indians and they apparently had not sighted us nor the Indians. Seeing this Cody himself, fired on them in order to prevent the certain death of the couriers. Cody did this on his own initiative and fired two shots before we were then ordered to open fire. Cody could take this liberty in better grace than a regular member of the Company as he ~~was~~, as a scout was not subject to the strict military regulations. Yellow Hand was at the head of his "band" and was the easy target for Cody. One or both of his shots took effect and Yellow Hand fell. A few moments later we were ordered to fire and a short battle ensued in which the Indians tried very hard to get to Yellow Hand and take him back.

I was within a short distance of Cody when he fired, of course I was watching the Indians who were by that time close enough that we were expecting orders to fire any moment, and I did not actually see Cody fire, but I did see Yellow Hand fall and it was known and accepted that Cody was the one that fired the two shots that opened the battle.

Those are the facts in the case and as for the duel it sounds ridiculous to anyone who was there, for it was a hard campaign, long marches, short rations, etc, and we were on

"business" to keep the Indians on the reservation or chase them back when they went on the "Path". We were not out for any spectacular "duels" or exploits.

You are quite right that had any such duel occurred it would have been such an exciting event that my entry in my diary would have been more elaborate and the simple entry that I made that night or the next morning gives ~~##~~ an idea of the little importance I attached to the incident at that time except for the fact that a Chief was killed, and two couriers were saved, and I have always thought that but for the untimely arrival of the couriers we would have captured the whole band of Indians.

I have never heard that Cody himself ever claimed to have killed Yellow Hand in a duel, and feel sure that he would not, tho he might have permitted his publicity man to stretch the facts this much for his Circus business.

Thank you for your letter Mr. Long and I hope these facts will prove interesting to you.

I have no personal interest in establishing the "Killer" and "how", of Yellow Hand, but can't help but be interested in giving facts to those who would like to have them.

Yours truly,
James B. Frew.

E. P. WILSON, President

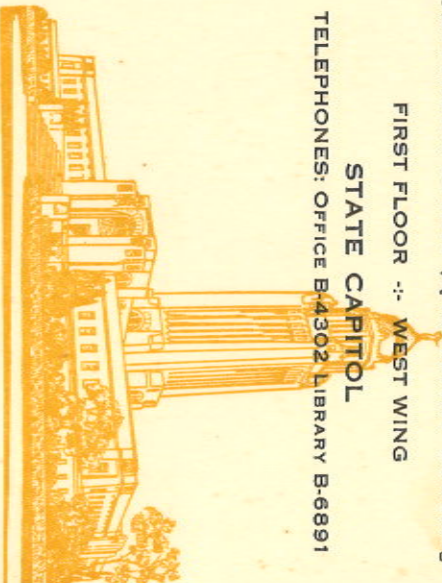
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May 25, 1936

Mrs. J. B. Frew
219 West Ridge Avenue
Harrison, Arkansas

Dear Madam:

Your letter of May 21 is received. We are very much interested in the diary of memorandum of Mr. Frew, if you can make us a copy and send it to us we will be glad to publish it or the parts of it of most historical value. We also would like a photograph of Mr. Frew. We are sending you one of our History Magazines and would be glad to send others to you, if desired.

Very sincerely yours,

A. E. Sheldon
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Superintendent

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We will take very good care of the original and return it if you need send it to us

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5-29-1936

Mr James Frew.
Harrison Ark.
Dear Sir.

I have a clipping from the Omaha World Herald it was interesting to read this article about Buffalo Bill, but more interesting to find that a man by the same name as my own, was with the old scout in the early days, I have seen the old scout myself have been to his wild west show, when he brought his show to Nebraska he always set on his ranch 1/2 miles west of North Platte Nebr just 4 1/2 miles west of where we live at Coyad My Grand Father, John Frew left Killwinnie Scotland 72 years ago he had two boys James Frew and David Frew my uncle James Frew died about 13 years

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My Grand Father landed in
this country in 1864 in Illinois
from there he went to Nebraska City
in 1865 and with a train of 200
of teams they traveled to Salt Lake
City Utah to be a Mormon joining
the church; and died at Coalville
Utah when my father was only
14 years old. so the family
moved back to Illinois, then
in 1883 father came to Cozad
Nebraska settled on a farm but
retired from the farm about 20
years ago and has lived most
of the time in Long Beach. Calif
Dad's interest is all here at Cozad
so the family all live here.

The name Frew is a very
uncommon name and is not
heard much outside of the family
Grand father had two brothers that

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Harrison, Ark

June 7th, 1936

Mr. A. E. Sheldon

Lincoln, Neb.

State Capital Bldg.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Bentley Frew

219 W. Ridge Ave

Harrison, Ark.

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Note: Photograph of James Frew was turned over to the State Historical Society photographic files June 10, 1936.

Harrison, W.Va.

June 24th Sun. 15th. 1936

Mr. James Frew,
Cozad, Neb.

Dear Sir and Friends

Your very nice letter was received some days ago and it gave me much pleasure to hear from another James Frew.

I have traveled quite a bit over our U S and have seldom met anyone by the name of Frew that was not a relative.

I do not know much about my fathers relations, except that my grand father was born in Ohio (George Washington Frew) and died here at the age of 89. My father is now 81, I am 41.

There is no doubt in my mind that there is some relationship between us as my grandfather was a typical Scotchman, as you say your ancestors were, he was short, stocky and wore a "shin beard" as most Scots do.

As soon as I have time and the opportunity I will be glad to send you some pictures of Dad and Grand-dad, you may recognize some resemblance to some of your pictures that you have of those that have come on.

I was down to L. R Saturday to see Dad but can't say that he is showing much improvement. We do know tho' that he is being well taken care of. My mother, strong and well at 80 went with me and stood the 300 mile trip nicely.

Thank you Mr Frew for writing me and I will be glad to keep in touch with you and will surely look you up if I am ever in your vicinity.

This stationery is a relic of better days--- the depression got it, the business I mean, so I am running a one man shop here now.

With kindest regards & I am
Yours truly,

James Bently Frew.

Dads name in full is James Barcus Frew, that is why I use
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