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Lincoln, Nebraska,
 November 5, 1925.

George Bird Grinnell,
 238 East 15th Street,
 New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Grinnell:

I am very glad to receive your letter of November 2. It is a subject which is very near my own heart. I had supposed that a Mr. E. A. Brininstool of Los Angeles had taken over the project for publishing a life of Captain Lute North and his brother Frank. I am very glad to know that this is not the case and that the matter is virtually in your own hands. I had intended to undertake the editorial work, but some conversation with Captain North I judged that Mr. Brininstool, who had made him several propositions, had undertaken it.

I think we can arrange for the publication of the book. I have some hope of getting the University Publishing Company, of Lincoln, which has published two books of my own to undertake it. But at any rate I believe the book should be printed and that a plan can be worked out to handle the cost of its publication.

I would be glad to know more regarding the present status of the manuscript and its illustrations. I would in fact be glad of an opportunity to go over it with a view to passing upon its possibilities of publication, either by the State Historical Society or by some other Nebraska printer.

Two copies of our history magazine, wlong, delayed, will be in your hands before the end of this month. I am sure you will find much of special interest in them and shall be glad to have your criticism and comment upon them. I have been very glad to promote the sale of your Fighting Cheyenne, and the subsequent history of the Cheyenne. You have rendered a permanent service for all time in your very pains-taking study of this wonderful people whom I came to know to a considerable extent in my ten years of living in Chadron in Northwestern Nebraska. Your dealing with the Cheyenne language reminds me of what a French halfbreed of my acquaintance at Chadron said to me once. It runs like this: "That Cheyenne language, he is one ver damn hard language."

Fraternally yours,

A. E. Sheldon

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THE MIDWEST REFINING COMPANY

CASPER, WYOMING

October 21, 1925

R. S. ELLISON,
VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Geo. Bird Grinnell,
238 E. 15th St.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

I have just returned from a pack and hunting trip into the Buffalo Fork and Brooks Lake country, and have read with both interest and pleasure your letters of October 6th and 14th. I killed my first elk on this trip, and am now digging out of the accumulated correspondence and work.

Last night I had a good visit with Horace Albright who was here enroute from a trip to the Mesa Verde Park and other points along the line, back to Yellowstone Park. He told me that he has known you for a great many years, and I showed him some of my Yellowstone photographs which I recently bought from Mr. Newhall. He confirmed the most interesting information about the trip when Hofer and Hough were there in '93 and '94.

This brings me to your inquiry if I would care for those early prints taken in the Park in that connection. I most certainly will be delighted to have them, as well as any of the Jackson photographs which you care to sell me. Of course I am particularly interested in those taken by Mr. Jackson since I had two wonderful days in the Park with him last summer, and five others later on in August here and around Casper when he was on his way to the east. Any pictures of this sort which you feel like sparing from your own collection will be gratefully treasured in my own, and whatever you feel is a proper charge, please do not hesitate to advise so I can take care of it.

Now with reference to the North article by Sorenson, I will be mighty glad to take good care of the article if you

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TO

Dr. Geo. Bird Grinnell

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feel like sending it to me either by mail or express, and will gladly have it typed here. I never feel quite sure that anything put out by Brininstool is exactly complete or accurate, and his charges are nearly always the same or more than for letter proof stuff. However, there is no rush in this matter, and if you do not have the article at hand it can go over until a more convenient time.

This will not do more than merely acknowledge your two good letters, as I have not had time to do any work in any particular direction of a historical nature for some little time past.

Faithfully yours,

RSE:FA





F. M. LOCKARD

GOODLAND, KANSAS 3/22-25

Bro Bird Linnell

New York

Dear Sir

The family of Mr Richardson of Lawrence
 Kansas have inter married with the
 descendants of Daniel Boone and Mr
 Richardson has heard from some source
 that Sam Boggs married a daughter of
 Kit Carson by a Cheyenne woman & you
 say the Kit Carson child died in
 infancy but so far as I remember
 you do not say who Sam Boggs married
 if you trace I would be pleased to hear
 who it was also when & where Sam
 Boggs died. one of my neighbors who
 worked for Santa Fe. at Raton New Mex
 1880 - to 1883. says he boarded with
 Sam Boggs at Raton at that time and
 his wife was a splendid cook &

I am wondering if that was the same
 Sam Boggs of whom you write.

Respectfully
 F. M. Lockard

same as
 one of the
 families
 of Boone
 another

in Novels of yesterday by John Bratt
at Page 227 you will read an account
of Book by Edgar Beecher Bronson entitled
A Finnish fight for a Birthright

Have you seen that Book? if so
is it History or fiction

I am interested in the history of
'Dull Knife' and wish you to
tell me something of that Book
& where I can get it. &
F. M. L



F. M. LOCKARD

GOODLAND, KANSAS

May 17 - 25

George Bird Grinnell

New York

Dear Sir

Thank you very much for the information about Farn Boggs.

You speak in some of your writings about the Boggs manuscript in the custody of the Colorado Historical Society.

Was this Boggs a brother of Farn or a half brother. If he was a half brother he must have been a nephew of Wm Bent on page three of "Fighting Cheyennes".

You speak of a manuscript by the late Ben Clark. Where can I find that and assume it was published by Gen Sherman but I can't find it in his Book.

I want to call your attention to another Book "The Border and the Buffalo" by John R Cook. Mr Cook gives an interesting acct of the extermination of the southern Buffalo Herd in '76 + '77 on the Texas Pan handle. I have written several

of my correspondents about this Book
and may have written you about it.
am not sure so I mention it again
I also have "Fifty years on the frontier"
by James H. Cook. which is a better
story. or is better told than the work
of John R. but I am sure that at least
part of the John R. Cook story would
interest you.

Very Resp
J M Toward



F. M. LOCKARD

GOODLAND, KANSAS

I never knew California Joe and all
I know about him I learned from
Custer Book my life on the Plains
I don't think I ever heard of Fitz Patrick
I sent you paper containing acct of
death of Dan Alderdice, a Fossyth
scout who has lived in Kansas for
60 years.

Henry Inman says. John Smith bore a
striking resemblance to President Andrew
Johnson and that Jim Bridger on seeing
the President insisted it was John Smith
as you have his picture you can judge
for yourself.

Resp.

F. M. Lockard.



F. M. LOCKARD

GOODLAND, KANSAS 3/15 - 25

George Bird Grinnell

New York

Dear Sir

Yours of 12th inst. at hand & contents noted
I surely made an awful blunder of
I wrote you that Capt. North told me of the
John Nelson Boats & have many correspondents
about early days and in my hurried letter
writing I must have confused the names
I had corresponded about many things with
Capt. North. He seemed very sore at Eugene
Ware, as you will remember Ware was
opposed of the Pawnee scouts and that was
"unpardonable sin" in the eyes of Capt. North.
I wrote Capt. North of some incidents
where he & his Brother "Maj. Frank" John
Nelson and others were making history &c
He remembered the incidents but had forgotten
me. I was only a Boy at that time

I learned of the John Nelson Boats only
recently through W. J. Richardson of Eureka
Kans.



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John Nelson's father lived in Greenwood
County Kansas and one of his sons died
there about 20 years ago several nieces
& nephews of John live there name

The family came to Kansas long after John
had left home but he visited them
occasionally while he was with the
wild west. John has two daughters
at Pine Ridge and I recently read a letter
from one of them to Mr Deatheridge of Eureka
who married a niece of John Nelson
her name is E Coffey she says "I loaned
my Book and cant remember who got it.
if I find it I will send it to you & c"
A nephew Andy Nelson says the title was
Life of John y Nelson. Fifty years on the trail
but on an enclosed part of Mr Richardson
letter you will see the name is given as
Life of John y Nelson indian interpreter and
scout for Buffalo Bill. Mr Deatheridge and
Mr Richardson both had copies of this Book
40 years ago. but have lost all trail of them



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GOODLAND, KANSAS

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they think they loaned them - but ^{aunt} remembers
who too -

they are both trying to find them
and if they succeed I will let you know
Mr Deotheridge says. "I visited the wild
west show. and at that time I bought
the life of Cody, and John y Nelson
which was being sold inside the tent
this was at Chicago about 1880.

now as to the indian girl. while Flann
Captain North wrote me he had never
heard of ware as her lover & c
I will tell you where I got the story
on the medicine creek where the old
Government road crossed was a cabin
built by Doctor Carver who got word
became the champion rifle shot of the world
after Dr Carver abandoned it. Old Jimmie
Cannon occupied it. Cannon was a
trapper when I knew him. He had been
a member of ware's company in the
7th Iowa Cavalry.



F. M. LOCKARD

GOODLAND, KANSAS

and in "Indian wars of 64." he is mentioned many times. when I carried mail He often rode with me to North Platte. He told me the story, much more of it than were printed. I told war's son of it but he strenuously denied it. secretary Connelly also denied it.

that was some time ago but later I presented my proof. and he then wrote me the following letter which I want to preserve so please return it.

another little bit of history I will give you here-- during the Presidential Campaign of 1904 President Roosevelt had war as a guest on his special train through Kansas and nebr. during that trip war told the President (Confidentially) about his experience on the frontier particularly about the Indian girl that story impressed our Roosevelt and he afterward appointed war Commissioner of Pensions.

Please send me another copy of James Lee
Buffalo reprint. send the Bill in your next

Yours Resp

J. M. Lockard.



F. M. LOCKARD

GOODLAND, KANSAS

2 / 14 / 25.

George Bird Grinnell

New York

Dear Sir

yours of 5th at hand. and content noted
I shall be pleased to receive your reprint

of domesticated Buffalo

I have read with interest your Bent Fort
story.

I knew Buffalo (C. J.) Jones met him
first on the Buffalo Range and served
in the Kansas Legislature with him in
1889. I carried the mail on the old
star Route from the Republican through
Fort McPherson to North Platte 1874 to
1880. Gen. Carr was in command at
Fort at that time. I worked for a time
for John Bratt, who afterwards wrote
"Trails of yesterday" a very interesting
Book. same time back there arose some
controversy as to the identity of the officer
who did not reciprocate the affections of
Aph. ho. Aph. pa. "spotted Trails" daughter



F. M. LOCKARD

GOODLAND, KANSAS

you will remember she died of a Broken
Heart & was Buried at Tazewell
find her story in appendix of Indian
Wars of 64/

I was able to furnish the Proof that
Capt Eugene & Ware was the officer
Ware wrote the story but did not tell
all of it.

I have had several letters of late from Capt
T. H. North & remember him well but
he had forgotten me.

I hear from Capt North that a Book
containing a full history of John Nelson
was published. did you ever see it?
or can you tell me where I can
get it

Yours Resh.

F. M. Lockard