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the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakotas, and the son of Job Carl Kurtz and Oihduze's daughter, Mary Tamnuga. After completing studies for the ministry at the Santee Normal Training School, Kirk entered the Indian Service in 1898. He resigned in 1931.

His manuscript opens with a short history of the Sissetons and Wahpetons under the leadership of Chief Oihduze and continues with his own experiences as a youth. Among the subjects covered is the reaction of Standing Rock Reservation Indians to the death of Sitting Bull.

H75.190 LUTHER NORTH LETTERS AND MANUSCRIPT.

5 items

Captain Luther North (1846-1935), along with his brother Major Frank North, organized and commanded the Pawnee Scouts used by the army during the Plains Indian wars. This collection consists of four letters in which North briefly describes the Battle of Summit Springs, the death of Tall Bull, and the character of William Cody. The final item in the collection is a brief manuscript, "Indian Camps of the Plains," in which North describes the general layout of Indian villages.

H75.225 DELORME W. ROBINSON PAPERS, 1893-1909.

36 items

Robinson was president of the State Board of Health. He also conducted research in the history of South Dakota. Among his papers is correspondence with Father Martin Kenil regarding Sitting Bull. Other correspondence with C. P. Jordan regards Spotted Tail.

H75.251 CROW DOG TRIAL AND RELATED PAPERS, 1882-1883.

13 items

This collection consists of petitions, affidavits, and a brief of the Dakota Territorial Supreme Court concerning the trial of Crow Dog, a Sioux Indian, for the murder of Spotted Tail, also a Sioux, in August 1881. The Supreme Court eventually released Crow Dog on the grounds that the lower federal courts had no jurisdiction over the Sioux Reservation.

H75.262 MARY C. COLLINS PAPERS, various dates.

16 items

This collection consists of various miscellaneous items relating to or written by Mary C. Collins, a

Congregational missionary at the Standing Rock Reservation during the late 1800s. Included within this collection are poems and several anecdotes about Sitting Bull, Little Eagle, Cross Bear, the Little Big Horn, and portions of several missionary pamphlets.

- H75.306 WILLIAM T. SELWYN CORRESPONDENCE, 1892-1893. 28 items
- In the Treaty of 1892 the Yankton Sioux agreed to relinquish what was described as surplus lands off their reservation for a cash payment of \$600,000 and other considerations. William T. Selwyn, or Wicahaokdeum, a Yankton leader, was instrumental in securing and maintaining Yankton support for the treaty. This collection consists of a series of letters between Selwyn and John J. Cole, commissioner of Indian Affairs and coauthor of the treaty, and others. Selwyn was eventually appointed assistant farmer on the Yankton Reservation.
- H75.313 CARL GUNDERSON SURVEY BOOK: FIELD NOTES, about 1907-1908. 1 item
- Gunderson worked as a survey engineer for the Federal Indian Service. He compiled at least one population and residence census of Indian families while visiting various South Dakota reservations. His enumerations for the Bullhead District, Standing Rock Indian Reservation, comprise the subject matter of this survey book. Notations include family names, given names, and residence locations, by township, section, and subsection number. Gunderson's apprenticeship in basic demographics served him well. In 1924 he was elected governor of South Dakota.
- H75.321 SIOUX MISCELLANY, various dates. 215 items
- This collection consists of miscellaneous items relating to the Sioux. Documents include originals, typescripts, and photocopies. The collection is organized largely by topic and type of manuscript.
- H75.342 REV. JOHN B. RENVILLE INTERVIEW, 1901. 2 items
- Renville describes how American Indian agent and fur trader Manuel Lisa played Teton against Santee as a means of breaking British influence among the Sioux during the War of 1812.

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UNPROCESSED COLLECTIONS: Collection titles and accession file numbers may change after processing.

- H74.18 THOMAS LAWRENCE RIGGS FAMILY PAPERS. 8 linear feet
- Papers from the Oahe Mission and the Oahe Industrial School, about 1880 and thereafter, deal with religious and industrial missions among the Sioux.
- H75.568M U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TYPESCRIPT: "READJUDICATION OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL SIOUX INDIAN PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIMS, ACT OF MAY 3, 1928 (45 STAT. 484)." 1 roll
(35 mm microfilm)
- This report summarizes results of "the investigation and determination of the claims of individual Sioux Indians of specified Indian reservations in the State of North and South Dakota, Montana, and Nebraska for allotments of land and for losses of personal property and authorized to be adjudicated by the act of May 3, 1928 (45 Stat. 484)."
- H75.788M CROW CREEK AGENCY, DAKOTA TERRITORY, ISSUE BOOK, 24 JUNE 1880-19 AUGUST 1882. ½ reel
(35 mm microfilm)
- Lists certain vital statistics and ration issues for various bands residing at Crow Creek.
- H75.789M LOWER BRULE AGENCY, DAKOTA TERRITORY, LETTERS, 1876-1879. ½ reel
(35 mm microfilm)
- H75.790M LOWER BRULE AGENCY, DAKOTA TERRITORY, LETTERS, 1876-1879. 1 reel
(35 mm microfilm)
- H75.791M LOWER BRULE AGENCY, DAKOTA TERRITORY, LETTERS AND RATION ISSUE ABSTRACTS, 1879-1881. ½ reel
(35 mm microfilm)

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- H75.819M CROW CREEK AGENCY, DAKOTA TERRITORY, LAND ALLOT-
MENT BOOK, 1880-1881.

1 reel
(35 mm microfilm)

Entries are by family name, both English and Dakota. They provide the allottee's age and sex. Landed holdings are recorded by section, township, and range. Size is indicated by acres and one-hundredths. There is an entry index, which is arranged by anglicized family name.

- H76.15 J. B. McCLOUD MANUSCRIPT, n.d.

1 item
(14 pages)

McCloud's reminiscences of his experiences in the Messiah War.

- H77.21 BEN BLACK ELK INTERVIEW, 1972.

1 cassette tape

A wry, philosophical reflection upon past and present themes in the history of Sioux-white relations.

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