

November 13, 1980

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to a manuscript which I have in my possession. It is the diary of Royal Baldwin, Indian Agent for the Kickapoo Indians during the time they were ruled by Chief John Samsukuk. The areas are described as Kickapoo, Shawnee, and Kansas Territory. Most of the entries are for the year 1857 but there are some relating to the year 1858. The diary gives a day by day account of his many varied duties as a United States Indian Officer. The diary gives one a very clear picture of the trials and tribulations of that era of time. There are entries depicting a wagon train being pillaged, two men killed and the horses being run off while the Indians burnt the wagon. Also there was a small pox epidemic during the year 1857 that started with the Kickapoo Indians. Mr. Baldwin was company with a Dr. Knight vaccinated most of the Indians. On one occasion he was en route to the reservation when he encountered Col. Alexander and 400 soldiers and the troops helped with the vaccinations. There are also many times when he dealt with the Indians. Chief Samsukuk who was a lifetime friend of Baldwin's. The Kickapoo Indians were very valuable to Mr. Baldwin as he is made mention of quite frequently. On one occasion a Mr. Hunt is taken up on charges of selling liquor to the Indians. Another entry talks of writing Col. Cummings regarding the small pox epidemic and furnishing the Dept. of the Interior with a report. Your letter offering for sale the diary of Royal Baldwin, Indian Agent for the Kickapoo Indians is in hand. You might contact the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka, Ks. 66612. (120 W. 10th St.), or Kenneth D. Sender Books, 700 Brush Creek Blvd., Kansas City, Mo. 64110.

Dear Ms. Corey:

We are, in fact, interested in the information contained in that diary but we are not, as in most cases, able to compete with collectors' offers or bids. We would, however, appreciate knowing to whom the diary does go to, if you would be so kind, so that in the likely event they choose to publish it we might possibly obtain a copy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Don L. Reynolds, Asst. Director
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

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No money - No interest!

"We need a special fund for such as this!"
checked with Mrs. Bode & others
a loss!

Kenneth D. Sender - Kansas

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November 17, 1980

To whom it may concern,

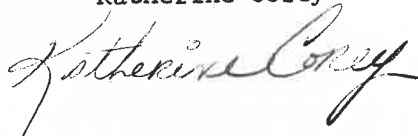
I am writing in regards to a manuscript which I have in my possession. It is the Diary of Royal Baldwin, who was Indian agent for the Kickapoo Indians during the time they were ruled by Chief John Kennekuk. The areas are described as Kickapoo City, Kansas Territory and Kennekuk Kansas Territory. Most of the entries are for the year 1857 but there are some relating to the year 1858. The Diary gives a day by day account of his many varied duties as a United States Indian Officer. The Diary gives one a very vivid picture of the trials and tribulations of that era of time. There are entries depicting a Wagon Train being pillaged, two men killed and the horses being ran off while the Indians burnt the Wagons. Also there was a Small Pox epidemic during the year 1857 that started with the Kickapoo Indians. Mr Baldwin in company with a Dr Knight vaccinated most of the Indians. On one occasion Baldwin was en route to the reservation when he encountered Col. Alexander and 500 soldiers and they rode with him and helped with the vaccinations. There are also many times when he has council with the Indians. Peter Cadue who was a lifetime friend and translator for the Kickapoos was also very valuable to Mr. Baldwin as he is made mention of quite frequently. On one occasion a Mr. Hunt is taken up on charges of selling liquor to the Indians, another entry talks of writing Col. Cummings regarding the Small Pox epidemic and furnishing the Dept. of the Interior with a statement to pay expenses of the vaccinations. Mr. Baldwin gives detail of being in the field a lot and during these times he gives his route, destination, purpose, summary of the events of the day and a detailed expense account day by day. In addition are statements of charge accounts for the Indians that lived on the reservation, including one for Chief John Kennekuk, son of the Prophet. This Diary tells of a very compassionate Chief who carried on where his father the Prophet left off. The Kickapoos continued to be self sufficient by building their own grain and lumber mill and selling their goods to the forts in the areas surrounding them. Their transactions are listed in this Diary as are land transfers and sales, stock transfers and shareholders names and what shares they owned, as well as receipts for hundreds of acres of Kansas land that was sold legally or illegally. This manuscript is written in pen and quill when Mr. Baldwin was at home and in pencil when he was in the field. I also have several receipts signed by various persons including Abram Bennet who later was also a U.S. Ind. Agent giving lot and deed numbers, date sold, to whom, and purchase price, pertaining to land sales.

This Diary is very interesting as Mr. Baldwin was later questioned during a Grand Jury investigation in 1863 about the possibility that he used his influence with the Indians to get them to sell land to the Atchison Topeka Railroad in exchange for a 150 acre land parcel. He never did answer whether he did or not but I have a receipt where he purchased six 160 acre land parcels for \$155.00 each numbered as follows, vic. 75.754-65.072--76.113-55.986-45.429 and 51.403 signed by W.M. Albin in Kickapoo City K.T. on May 5, 1858. The Diary contains far too much for me to relate in a letter however it is still very legible after all these years. I took the Diary to a Mr. Howell in San Francisco who is a reputable rare book and manuscript dealer for an independent appraisal and he explained

that it being of Historical value would make it worth whatever a buyer would be willing to pay for it , however before I left his office he did offer the sum of Ten Thousand dollars for the Diary and its contents.. I did not take his offer because I am aware that it could be resold for up to ten times that amount at auction in New York, therefore I am putting it up for bids myself instead of going through a middleman..I have been in contact with several organizations regarding the sale of the Diary so I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible if you are at all interested..I will be glad to show the Diary to your agent at any time day or night with an appointment, however I will need a days notice so that I can have it available for you. I am also going to enclose some photostat copies of the Diary and some of the receipts but being that the material is so dated I am skeptical of how legible they will be.. It is only to show you that they are authentic and that this is in no way a hoax.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, feel free to call at any hour as I realize the time differences from State to State. My home telephone number is as follows, area code (408) 269-4897.. If you wish to correspond you may address your inquiries to 1569 Princeton Drive, San Jose, California 95118, with attention to Katherine Corey.

Sincerely Yours
Katherine Corey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Corey". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

February 14th Delivered to
Mr Baldwin Thompson for salt
lake Mail. Co. 150 Bushels or more
Abram Bennett

I have this day sold R. Baldwin for 160
acre Land Harveys for one hundred and
fifty five dollars each, numbered as
follows viz: 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100,
and 51, 400, which I guarantee to be genuine
in every respect. W. H. Allen
Richmond City N. J.
May 5th A. D. 1858

No. 76

REGISTERED LETTER.

Post-Office, Saint Joseph Mo.

Nov 24 1858

Received a Letter addressed to

John Sharp
Independence Mo.
John. H. H. H.
P. M.

Of how this day shall be. I shall be
 ever yours. I shall be ever yours
 fifty five dollars each, amounting to
 ordered, viz: 75.00, 67.50, 76.10, 57.80, 45.49,
 sum 317.40, which I guarantee to be genuine
 in every respect.
 Yours truly,
 Wm. B. W. 1855

No. 76
 REGISTERED LETTER.
 Post-Office, don't forget me
 Nov 24 1858
 Received a Letter addressed to John Sharp
 John Sharp & Co.
 New York
 for P.M.

From Toronto via the Erie & Ontario
 1st Goods Delivered at Jan 1859 112.00
 2nd Goods 20
 4x5 of all 00
 112.00
 I shall be ever yours
 Wm. B. W. 1855

news print of United Tribes
↑ article
Daw // Peace medal of
Chief White Cloud
of Iowa tribes
Kansas
Bill ~~Ross~~
% United Tribes
Box 29
Horton, Kansas

November 1, 1977

Indian

Members of the staff mentioned that you were at the museum again recently and had asked about a peace medal that is a part of the collection here at the St. Joseph Museum. I believe that I talked to you some time back when you visited the museum and at that time we discussed the medal and I inquired if you had knowledge as to whether or not James White Cloud (1849-1940) had ever been presented a peace medal by the United States government. There has as yet been no new development in our effort to establish such a presentation.

A cursory search by archivists of central files concerning Indian Peace Medals in the National Archives in Washington, D. C. has failed to establish a documented connection between our medal and James White Cloud. These records are available for examination in the research rooms in the National Archives building in Washington, D. C. It would probably be necessary for a researcher to visit the archives and go through these records more completely it seems to be sure. There are also other sources, possibly, that could be examined and we hope to follow up on these possibilities when opportunity, time and resources permit.

Our present information on the medal places it in possession of James White Cloud at one time. It was acquired by the donor's family sometime between 1893 and 1907 from James White Cloud in payment of a debt and was years later donated to the St. Joseph Museum. The medal is dated 1857 and on one side has the likeness of James Buchanan with the inscription "James Buchanan President of the United States" with the date 1857. On the other side is a farming scene showing an Indian with a plow in a circle at the center, while in the outer circle at the top are two Indians, one about to scalp the other. Also in the outer circle is a quiver of arrows on one side beneath the Indian figures and on the other side a bow with a peace pipe. Between, at the bottom, is the head of another Indian.

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Dear Mr. Larsaw:

Mr. Bill Larsaw
c/o United Tribes
Box 29
Horton, KS. 66439

I believe that the person that you talked to when you were last mentioned that you might want a photograph of the medal. We do have negatives of each side of the medal and prints can be made at a cost of \$1.50 each, plus postage of 50¢ if mailed.

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I am sorry that we do not as yet have further information. We want to exhibit the James White Cloud medal but would like to have more definite information concerning it.

Thank you for your inquiry. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

Don L. Reynolds, Asst. Director
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

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SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington 25, D.C.

December 14, 1960

IN REPLY REFER TO: NNSE

Roy E. Coy, Director
St. Joseph Museum
11th & Charles Streets
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Coy:

Several months ago you requested a microfilm copy of the incoming correspondence of the Bureau of Indian Affairs from the Sac and Fox Agency. At the time of your request, the microfilming of these records was not completed.

We are happy to inform you that the filming has been completed, and that the Letters Received from the Sac and Fox Agency, 1824-1880, have been reproduced on Rolls 728-744 of Microcopy No. 234, and can be furnished for \$114.00.

Should you wish to purchase any film, please make your check or money order payable to the General Services Administration (NNSE) and forward it with your order to the National Archives and Records Service, Washington 25, D. C. Processing an order takes about one month after receipt of remittance.

Sincerely yours

Mary M. Johnson

Mary M. Johnson
for the Chief
Exhibits and Publications Branch

*Ray not interested
this passed back to me for possible
future personal use
(Original inquiry was made Ray's signature)*