

# LESSON # 9: BUFFALO MEAT & WOUNDED KNEE



*Wild Man's Meat (Redman's Meat)*, by Charles M Russell, 1889,  
Pencil, Watercolor, and Gouache on Paper  
Sid Richardson Museum, Fort Worth, Texas



*Indians Hunting Buffalo*, by Charles M Russell, 1894, Oil on Canvas  
Sid Richardson Museum, Fort Worth, Texas





*The Buffalo Hunt (Wild Meat for Wild Men)*, by Charles M. Russell,  
1899, Oil on Canvas  
Sid Richardson Museum, Fort Worth, Texas



*Buffalo Hunt*, by Charles M. Russell, 1901, Oil on Canvas  
Sid Richardson Museum, Fort Worth, Texas





*The Buffalo Runners*, by Charles M. Russell, 1892, Oil on Canvas  
Sid Richardson Museum, Fort Worth, Texas



AS IT WAS IN THE OLD DAYS

“As it was in the old days” (The North American Indian; v.19) c. 1927, by Edward S. Curtis. Repository: Northwestern University, Evanston, IL The Library of Congress, American Memory. Online version on November 2, 2006, available at: <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.award/iencurt.cp19001>





RATH & WRIGHT'S BUFFALO HIDE YARD IN 1878. SHOWING 40,000 BUFFALO HIDES. DODGE CITY, KANSAS

FROM A PHOTOGRAPH

"Rath & Wright's buffalo hide yard in 1878, showing 40,000 buffalo hides, Dodge City, Kansas".  
Records of the National Park Service, 1785 – 2004, Record Group 79; Still Picture Records  
LICON, Special Media Archives Services Division (NWCS-S), National Archives at College Park,  
MD.

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<http://www.archives.gov/research/american-west/images/091.jpg>

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November 29, 1890

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The Honorable, The Secretary of War.

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for your information, a copy of a communication of this date from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, embodying copy of a joint telegram from the Agent of the Pine Ridge Agency, S.D., and Special Agent Cooper, of the Indian Service, relation to Rosebud Indians, destroying property & houses of peaceable Pine Ridge Indians, etc, also copy of Indian Office to Pine Ridge and Rosebud Agents in relation thereto. The matter is submitted without recommendation.

I have the honor to be,

9700 Ind. Div. '90

Very respectfully,

One enclosure.

John W. Noble, Secretary.

A. E. L.

November 29, 1890.

~~The President~~

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the within memorial purporting to be signed by 103 Sioux Indians of the Rosebud Agency, S.D., setting forth their destitute condition.

The matter having been referred to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for report, I have the honor to enclose herewith his reply, together with the accompanying papers.

Statement A, gives the quantities of subsistence

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purchased for each of the five Sioux Agencies out of the \$750,000 appropriated by Congress for the "Support and Civilization" of all the Sioux Agencies.

Statement B. shows the amount expended for Subsistence, clothing, implements, etc., and for Agency and School employes at the Sioux Agencies.

The Commissioner states that the quantity of rations issued on all reservations is as large as the appropriations made by Congress will admit.

He invites attention to the fact that \$150,000 the interest at 5% on the permanent fund of \$3,000,000 created by the Act of March 2, 1855 (23 Stat. 874) has been appropriated, and suggests whether one half of this sum, if deemed not wise to be paid to them per capita, might not be used in the purchase of such additional supplies, if the necessities shall be found to require it, but that he is very reluctant to recommend this money for additional subsistence, unless there is such an emergency as is absolute to require it, and to keep the Indians from actual distress by reason of hunger.

He also states that he has submitted in a separate communication a report requesting that Congress be asked to make an appropriation of \$100,000 to be available in the purchase of additional ~~hay and medicine~~ supplies in the latter part of the winter and in the early spring as the necessities of these Indians shall be found to require.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

11/29/90 Ind. Div. No.

John W. Noble.

Your enclosures

Secretary

December 1, 1890.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.  
Sir:

You will convey to the several Agents on duty among the Sioux, the following order, which is hereby made:

485 During the present Indian troubles you are instructed that while you shall continue all the business, and carry into effect the educational and other purposes of your Agency, you will, as to all operations intended to suppress any outbreak by force, co-operate with and obey the orders of the military officer commanding on the reservation in your charge.

Very respectfully,  
John W. Noble,  
Secretary.

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J.E.C.

December 2, 1890.

W.H.G.

21 The Honorable, The Secretary of War.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith for your information, copy of a communication of this date from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, which contains a statement from Special Indian Agent Lee, now at Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, to the effect that these Indians are not in a starving condition, though many suffer from hunger, more from their improvident habits than from any lack of sufficient food.

I have the honor to be, Very respectfully,

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John W. Noble, Secretary

One inclosure.

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December 3, 1890.

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The Honorable  
The Secretary of War  
Dear Sir:

There is herewith respectfully transmitted to you a copy of letter from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, of the 2d instant, giving in detail the names of Indians to be arrested at Pine Ridge Agency when it is deemed this action should take place. I have to-day written the President that in my judgment if we issue the increased rations without arresting the Indians guilty of present disturbances, we shall cause the Indians to give credit to the bad Indians instead of the good ones. I am strongly of the opinion, as I have said to the President, that the arrests should be made as soon as possible, ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> General Miles has requested, and I have agreed to supply the rations, and this is now beyond recall.

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Enclosure

Yours most respectfully,  
John W. Noble, Secretary.

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N.E.C.

December 11, 1890.

The Honorable

The Secretary of War.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your information, copy of a communication of 10<sup>th</sup> instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, enclosing a copy of a letter from Agent Charles A. Bartholomew, of Southern Ute and Jicarilla Agency, of 1st instant, in response to a circular letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ultimo, calling for information as to the condition and temper of his Indians in connection with the ghost dance, in which he states that his Indians are free from any excitement on the subject.

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Two inclosures.

Very respectfully,  
John W. Noble,  
Secretary.

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“Gathering up the dead of the battlefield of Wounded Knee S.D”  
[1891? January 3]. Northwestern Photographic Co Jan 1st 1891 Chadron Neb.  
Library of Congress, History of the American West  
Western History/Genealogy Department, Denver Public Library. Online source available  
November 2, 2006 at:  
<http://photoswest.org/cgi-bin/imager?10031464+X-31464>





“Burying the Dead”, Denver Public Library, Western History Collection  
Burying Indian Dead at Wounded Knee. Online source available November 2, 2006 at:  
<http://americanhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory/exhibition/zoomify.asp?id=553&type=g&width=640&height=480&hideAlt=1>