

Dr. W.H. Goldsbury to Kansas Historical Society

This is a letter from Dr. W.H. Goldsbury, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, to the Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas. In the letter, Goldsbury recounts an Indian massacre that supposedly took place in 1878 at Sappa Creek in Kansas. Reported to be killed was a George F. Walters. But Dr. Goldsbury personally reports that Mr. Walters lived near Hennessey, Oklahoma, until 1901. Dr. Goldsbury asks if the Historical Society has any information on the raid and if he can have a copy.

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The Kansas Historical Society
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir or Madam:--

In Sept. 1878, when I was only a few months old, my parents lived on Sappa Creek, in Decatur Co. Kansas. A band of Cheyenne Indians broke away from the Darlington Agency, about 5 miles north west of the present site of El Reno Okla. They struck out North West, stealing and raiding. They crossed the Prairie Dog Creek about where Lenora Kansas now is. Then North West to the Sappa Creek. These Indians were supposed to have massacred about 18 people on Sappa Creek according to Wellman and others. But my people always maintained it was on the Prairie Dog where that happened.

The men folks shot one Indian up near Oberlin. He lay where he was killed for a long time and settlers came from far and near to see the dead Indian.

Wellman gives the names of 18 people who were killed that time. Amongst others is the name of Geo. F. Walters. Well we knew Mr. Walters and I personally know that Mr. Walters lived until after 1900. We visited in his home near Hennessey Okla. in 1901. He died there soon thereafter. I am writing to ask if you have any pamphlets dealing with this raid. And if so how I can secure a copy.

Thanking you in advance I am,

Very truly yours,

[Signed]
Dr. W. H. Goldsbury