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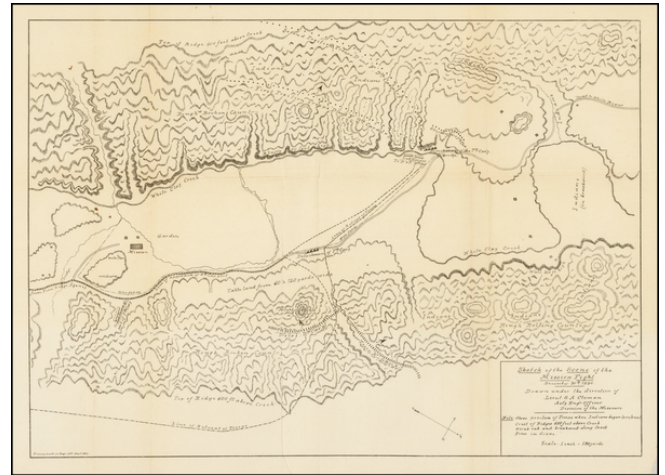
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[Battle of Wounded Knee] Sketch of the Scene of the Mission Fight December 30th 1890. Drawn under the direction of Lieut. S.A. Cloman . . . Division of the Missouri.

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Map Maker: United States GPO
Date: 1891
Place: Washington, D.C.
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 17 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed map of the Battle Field during the Battle of Wounded Knee.

The various positions of the 7th and 9th Cavalry are shown. The Indian warrior positions and their lines of retreat are also noted.

The map locates the wagon roads from Pine Ridge Agency and to White River; names White Clay Creek, the (Drexel) Mission and garden, and shows the topography in great detail.

The Wounded Knee Massacre or Battle of Wounded Knee occurred on the eve of the Death of Chief Sitting Bull on December 15, 1890, during an attempted arrest. After Sitting Bull's death, 200 members of his Hunkpapa band, fearful of reprisals, fled Standing Rock to join Chief Spotted Elk (later to be known as "Big Foot") and his Miniconjou band at the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. Spotted Elk and his band, along with 38 Hunkpapa, left the Cheyenne River Reservation on December 23 to journey to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to seek shelter with Red Cloud.

The Battle / Massacre at Wounded Knee occurred on December 29, 1890, near Wounded Knee Creek on the Lakota Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. On the day before the Massacre, a detachment of the U.S. 7th Cavalry Regiment commanded by Major Samuel M. Whitside intercepted Spotted Elk's band of Miniconjou Lakota and 38 Hunkpapa Lakota near Porcupine Butte and escorted them to Wounded Knee Creek, where they made camp. The remainder of the 7th Cavalry Regiment arrived, led by Colonel James W. Forsyth and surrounded the encampment supported by four Hotchkiss mountain guns.



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On the morning of December 29, the troops went into the camp to disarm the Lakota. One version of events claims that during the process of disarming the Lakota, a deaf tribesman named Black Coyote was reluctant to give up his rifle, claiming he had paid a lot for it. A scuffle over Black Coyote's rifle escalated and a shot was fired which resulted in the 7th Cavalry's opening fire indiscriminately from all sides, killing men, women, and children, as well as some of their own fellow soldiers. The Lakota warriors who still had weapons began shooting back at the attacking soldiers, who quickly suppressed the Lakota fire. The surviving Lakota fled, but U.S. cavalrymen pursued and killed many who were unarmed.

Detailed Condition: