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James Willard Schultz
Fort Washakie
Wyoming

Dear Mr. Schultz:

It was nice to hear from you and learn that you are still writing. I was also glad to have the list of your books in print as our collection is not complete.

I read a very nice compliment on your book "Friends of My Life as an Indian" in an article published in the book review section of the New York Times some time before the Christmas holidays. The article commented on certain books that were still interesting and worth while to the present day reader. The critic said some very nice things about your work.

I was tempted to clip the article at the time and send it to you but I always pass on my copy of the New York Times and before I knew it the issue had been given away. It occurred to me that perhaps you might hear of it from some one else.

We do not have a picture of Fort Conrad and like you I have never seen a picture of this trading post.

Our best sketch of the Whoop-up Trail is one drawn by Harry Stanford, a brother of Co. James Stanford. Harry Stanford came to Fort Benton in 1879 when about 14 years of age and lived there until Kalispell was built about 1894 when he moved to the latter town.

He drew this crude sketch of the old Whoop-up Trail from his recollections of a trip over the trail in the 80's. I have made a tracing from his map. He always spoke of fort Conrad as being near the present station of Haismith on the Great Northern Railroad.

I've included his list of locations on the trail. If the information is not specific enough for your purpose please let me know just what you want that is not included.

Best wishes to Mrs. Schultz and yourself from,
yours very truly,

(signed) (Mrs.) Anne Mc Donnell
Asst. Librarian

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Stanford notes on map.

No.1 Whoop-up crossing on the Teton 3 miles out of Ft.Benton
No.2 Capt.Nelse's ranch on Teton 18 miles from Benton. Nelse's name really Narcisse Valleux, well known old French Canuck
No.3 pend d'oreille Springs. The trail ran between the East Knee and the oose-bill.
No.4. pend d'oreille Leavings--8 miles from Springs.
No.5. Yeast-powder Flat.
No.6 Fort Conrad, 200 yards below the Marias railroad bridge. 70 miles from Benton.
No.7 Medicine Rock coulee.
No.8 Big Alkali Flat, tho' now it may be Healy Coulee.
No.9 Rocky Springs--40 miles from Ft. Conrad, where Buckshot and Polite (Poleet) were killed by Indians in 1872.
No.10 Red River trail here crossed boundary--really Red Coulee-but the bull whackers always called it R.(river?)

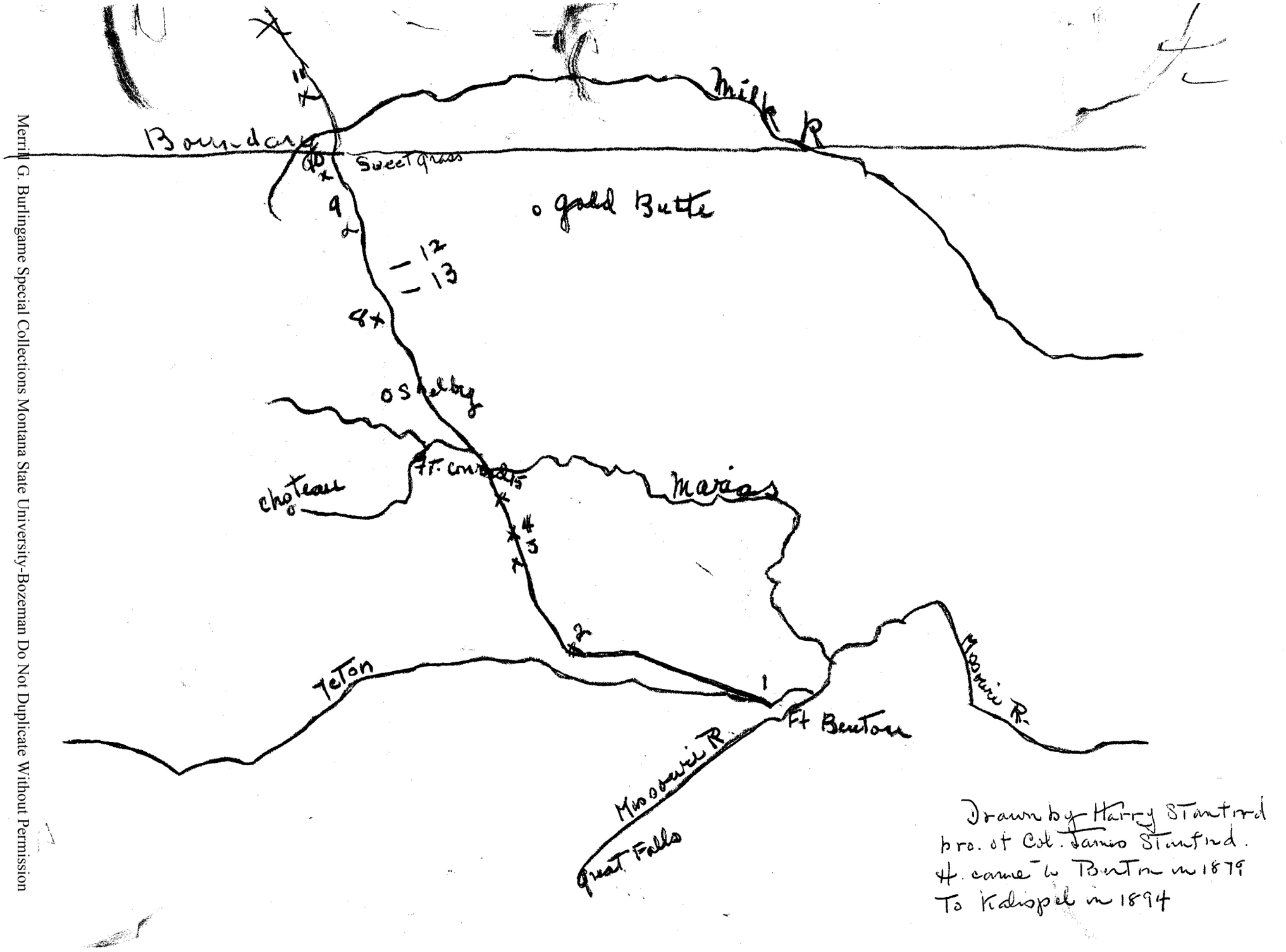
No.11 Milk River crossing.
No.12 Red Wagon coulee, called after Red Wagon Jim.
No. 13. Mr. Stanford has written this J.O.Coulee. (it might be intended for John Joe, an early trader known by that name.

The Whoop Up Trail from Fort Benton to the middle of the Whoop Up country-says Fort McLeod-was always called 240 miles in length. It was 50 yards across in places, where the ground was soft.

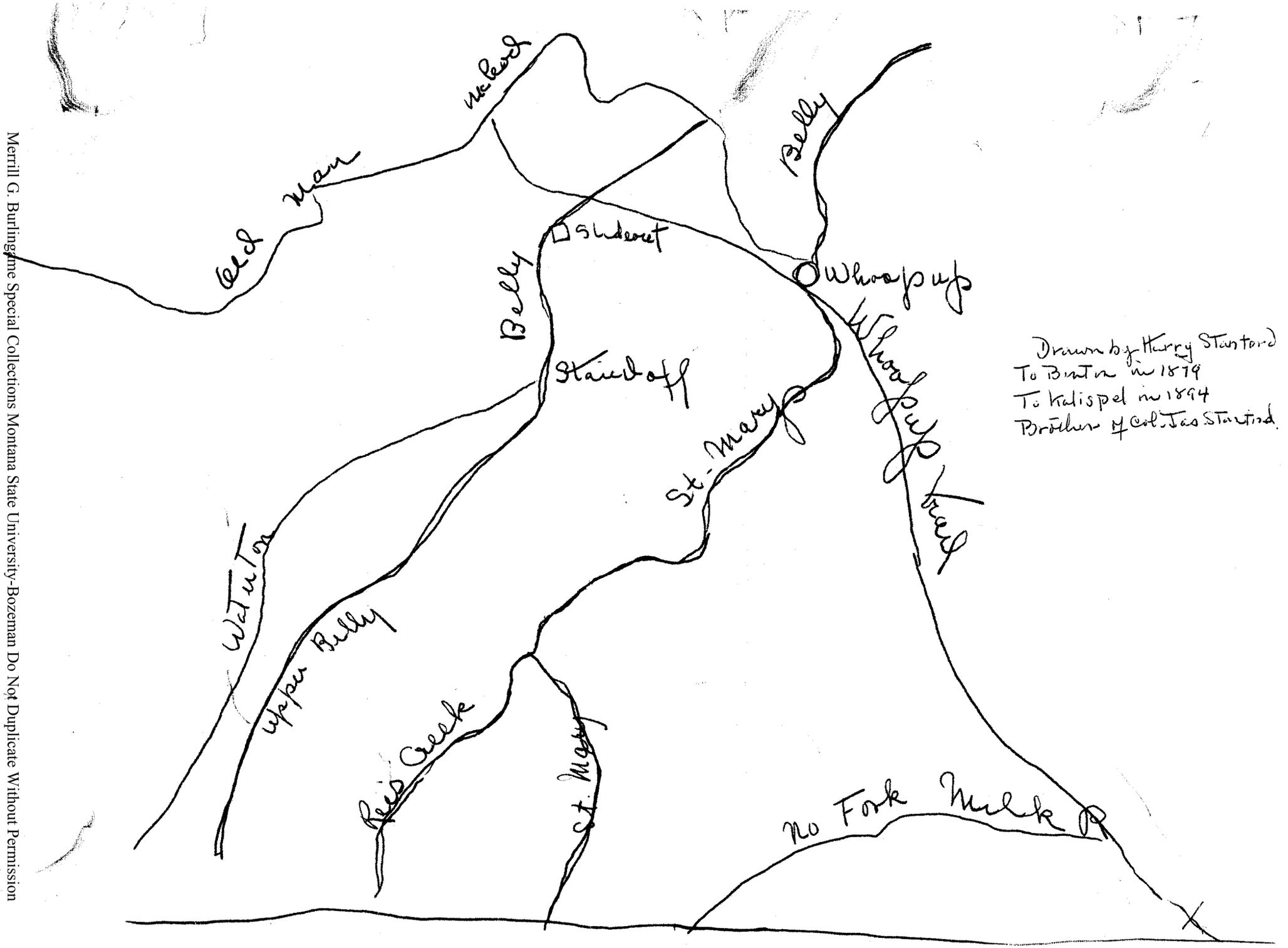
Fort CONRAD. Located where the Whoop-up Trail crossed the Marias. About 50 yards or so below the Naismith bridge. (Owner of the side in 1926, John Wolfe.) Built in 1875 by Sol Abbott and Henry Powell. In 1878 it was owned by A.B. Hamilton and I.N.Hazlitt. I.G.Baker took over the property for debt about 1880. Joseph Kipp was owner or manager until 1885. The postoffice was established on Great Falls and Canadian Railway and later moved to present site. South side of the Marias River

Col. James Stanford said Baker sold the post to Jim Mc Devitt. The River Press(Ft.Benton) Aug.11, 1886, pagel. Speaks of the post as 90 miles northwest of Ft. Benton on the Mc Leod Road, c crossing of the Marias, sold to Sheriff Mc Devitt.

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