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James Willard Schultz,  
Bozeman, Montana.

Dear Mr. Schultz:

I have your very kind and good letter of the 22nd ult., sent from your Oakland, California address. I wish to thank you for the enclosed circular giving title and price of your books.

Soon as I can I shall try to obtain a copy of "WILLIAM JACKSON, INDIAN SCOUT" as I feel that you have gotten from him a true story of his experience, and narrow escape from death in the Battle of the Little Big Horn June 25-26 1876.

I am particularly interested because my long time friend and correspondent Col. Theo. W. Goldin of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, Wisconsin, was also in the fight, and had a most miraculous escape. He knew William "Billy" Jackson and O'Neill well, and often mentions them in his letters. I do not know what to say about Lieut. DeRudio's story, that purported to have been written by him to a friend, and published in the Hunter Trader Trapper Magazine for March 1933. Mr. E. A. Brininstool has seen to its publication.

When and where did William Jackson die and where is he buried.

Did you ever run across anything touching Michaud LeClair who came to the Rocky Mountains in 1833, and was married to an Indian maiden. He is said to have been the first Road Builder in Montana, and to have intimated that there was gold to be found in the Beaverhead country. He was a friend of Johnny Grant.

I take it that you are now in Bozeman and therefore sent this letter there, and if you see our mutual friend Major C. H. Asbury greet him from me.

I certainly appreciated the information you gave about your old friend and partner WILLIAM JACKSON, and feel that you have the closest knowledge of his life of anyone I have ever known, and your mention of his grandfather Hugh Monroe interests me also.

With personal regard, and hoping to hear from you again, I am

Sincerely yours,