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Mrs. J. H. Mitchell - Tulsa - Okla.

Dear Dot.

Your letter inclosing an aff. of the massacre of ~~the~~ Black Kettle band & of events closely following - the cutting off & extermination of Elliott & his 19 men in the Valley of Major's Creek - named after Maj. Elliott - and the accompanying map - is highly appreciated - and the map is very well drawn -

Though Cheyenne - Vag well covers the narrow Valley of Major's Creek reaching out to rolling hills to the East & well down to the Washita - on the North.

I did not personally know Custer. He was a dashing & rather ^{insubordinate} ~~subordinate~~ young Cavalry officer of the Federal Army - during the Civil war - and according to Gen Joseph E. Johnson of the Confederacy, & whom there was no better authority, Custer had no regard for the private property of Southern citizens. After close of the Civil War Custer was assigned to service on the Western Indian frontier - and it is probable that his being a West Point graduate, & his Ambition & activity prevented his being cashiered. Custer was a fop in dress, wore long curly silken locks, broad brimmed top rich uniform & all the gold braids his rank permitted, & was rash & ruthless. After long suspensions