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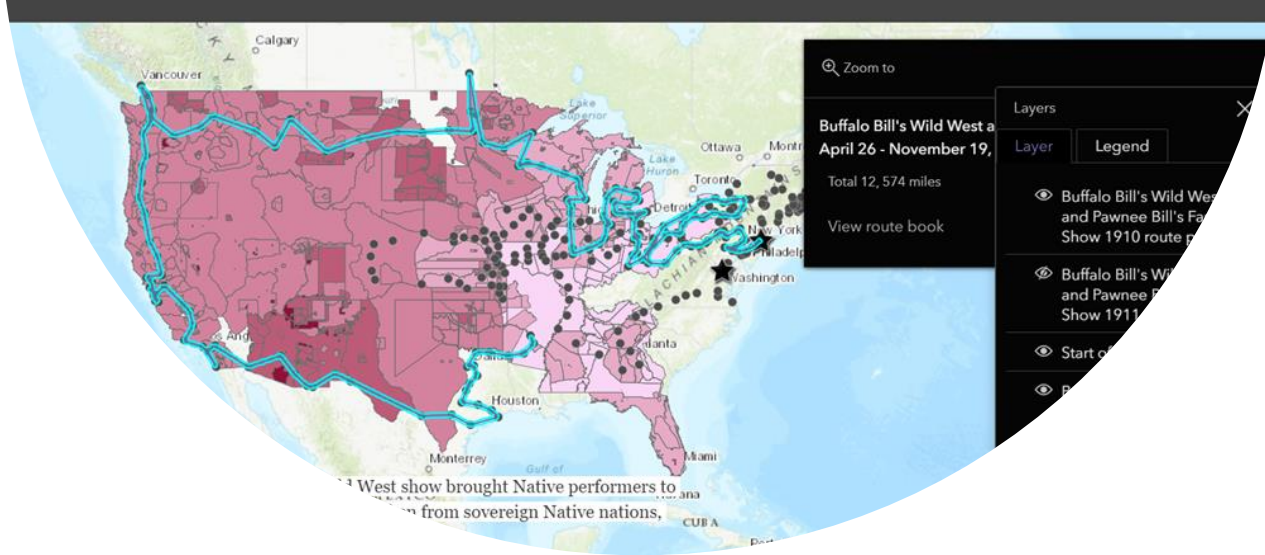
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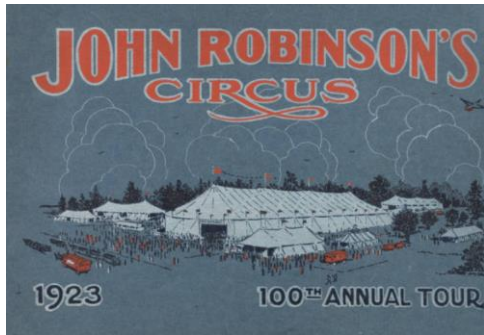
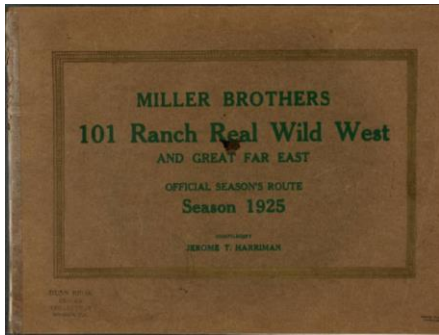
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Agency Through Otherness: Portraits of Performers in Circus Route Books 1875-1925





elephant. Rev. Sheak performed the ceremony. Joe Coyle saw the stingiest man in Massachusetts. He stops his clock at night to keep the gearing from wearing out and after skimming his milk on top turns it over and skims it on the bottom. This man didn't buy a Route Book.

June 30—Amherst, Mass.

Cold. Drizzling rain. Fair business. The street car line a would-be. Looked hungry. An official said to Treasurer Rudolph Gesley: "The company has been generous to the circus. They've put on two cars whether they are needed or not." Most of the people walked to the lot. Those who got on the cars jumped off at the first stop and walked the rest of the way. The big snake got in the college here and ran the professors and students out of doors. The last seen of it was going out the pike giving the college yell.

June 21—Brattleboro, Vt.

The windows above opened wide here; the rain poured all day long. This didn't keep the people away. Played to capacity at both performances. The big snake killed a horse and colt belonging to William Sandle, twenty miles out. The farmers buy more iron bars and more padlocks. Hardware business exceedingly good. The elephants turned into the Connecticut River for a bath. They threw water on the cottages on the bank. William Simpson sleeping near an open window was nearly drowned.

June 22—Bellows Falls, Vt.

Rain. Light business. Chas. H. Knapp, Gen. Agt. Guy Bros. Minstrels, a visitor. Billy Curtis went out to

the cemetery and looked at the graves of the six men who got caught in a hurricane with their mouths open. The wind caught them in the mouth and turned them inside out. Carrying them to a stone wall they were flattened like pancakes. It is reported one escaped burial and was sold for a liver pad.

June 23—White River Junction, Vt.

Fine day. Monster afternoon attendance; fair night crowd. Harry Reed claims a hayseed cried so hard here over the loss of his show ticket that the tears streamed down over his cheeks; that he pulled off one boot and emptied it. Then he cried some more and emptied the other boot. He still cried and tying his handkerchief around his trousers cried them full too. There's no evidence he was frightened.

June 24—Montpelier, Vt.

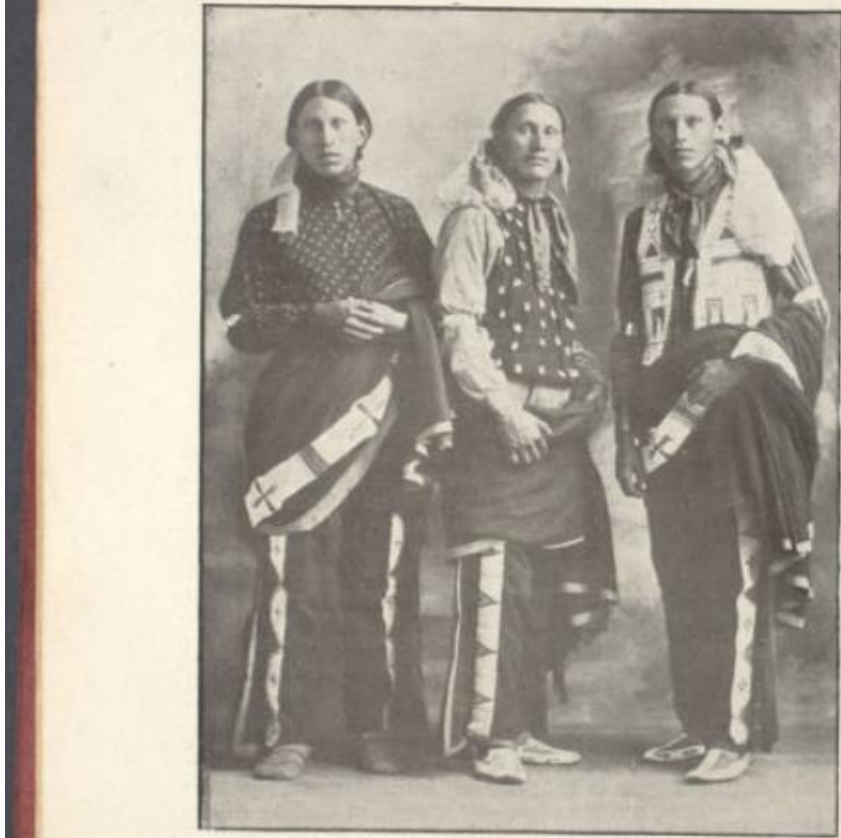
Day opened with rain, but cleared for the performance. Big attendance at both shows. John Rosen at the night exhibition fell from his Human-Fly rigging, crushing the right wrist bone. Dr. Maguire attended him. An individual from the country tried to blow out one of the new circus lights. He was spread over the ground and the corner had to soak him out with benzine. Max Downinsky claims the light kicked the fellow.

June 25—St. Albans, Vt.

Clear day. John Rosen and family left for their home at Fort Wayne, Ind. Rev. Sheak discoursed on "The Story of Balaam." An infidel present interrupted: "Why, scientists have examined the mouth of an ass and they say it is physically impossible for him to speak." Rev.



Chief Blue Shield.



George Lone Crow, Frank White Belly and Joe High Eagle

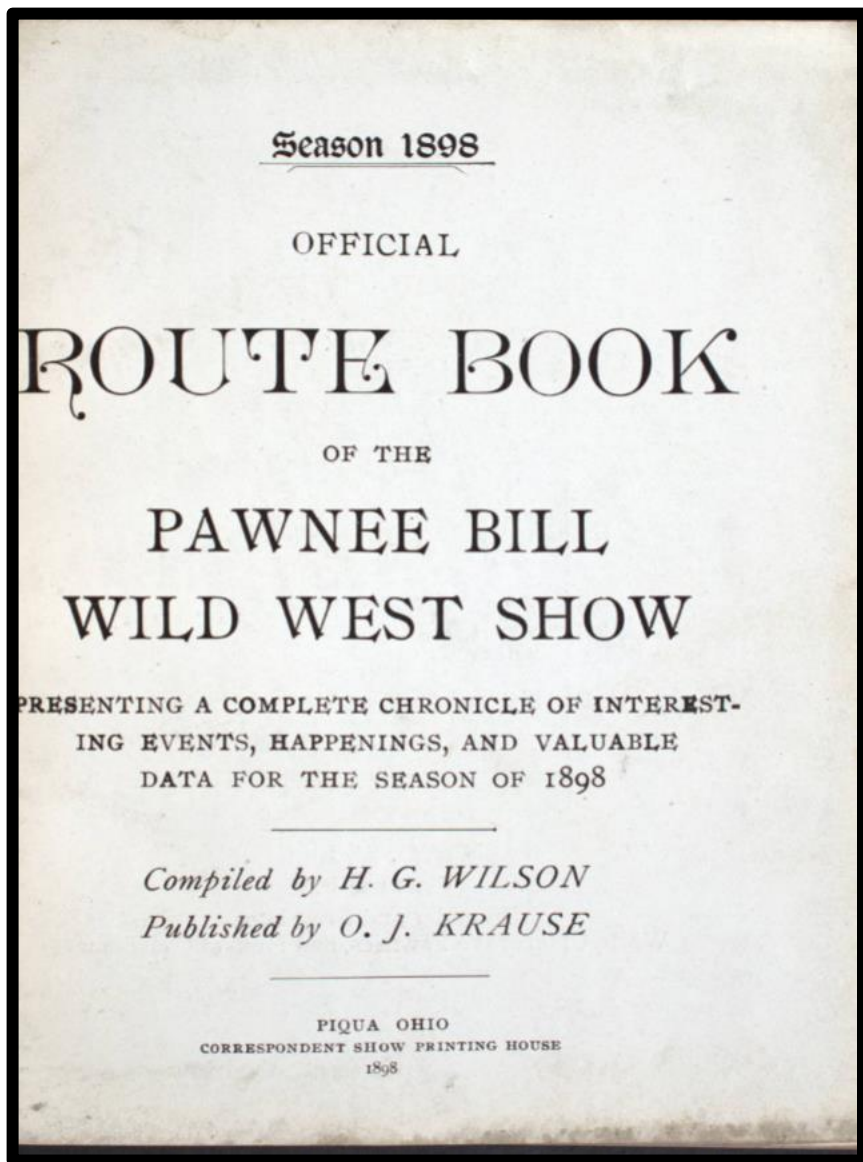


Gordon Orton and His Wife, Etta Jordan, Top-Notch Performers.



Dubois, Clearfield and Savage, Lions Born at Clearfield, Pa., May 19, '06.

DATE	TOWN—STATE	Miles	DATE	TOWN—STATE	Miles
Aug. 22	Winnipeg, Man.....	158	Oct. 10	San Jose, Cal.....	50
Aug. 23	Winnipeg, Man.....	00	Oct. 11	Stockton, Cal.....	80
Aug. 24	Grand Forks, N. D.....	152	Oct. 12	Fresno, Cal.....	122
Aug. 25	Fargo, N. D.....	77	Oct. 13	Visalia, Cal.....	41
Aug. 26	Jamestown, N. D.....	93	Oct. 14	Bakersfield, Cal.....	80
Aug. 27	Bismarck, N. D.....	101	Oct. 15	Santa Barbara, Cal.....	218
Aug. 28	Dickinson (1 show), N. D.....	115	Oct. 17	Los Angeles, Cal.....	104
Aug. 29	Miles City (1 show), Mont.....	185	Oct. 18	Los Angeles, Cal.....	000
Aug. 30	Billings, Mont.....	147	Oct. 19	San Diego, Cal.....	126
Aug. 31	Great Falls, Mont.....	234	Oct. 20	Santa Ana, Cal.....	92
Sept. 1	Helena, Mont.....	99	Oct. 21	Riverside, Cal.....	41
Sept. 2	Butte, Mont.....	72	Oct. 22	San Bernardino, Cal.....	10
Sept. 3	Missoula, Mont.....	120	Oct. 23	Yuma (1 show), Ariz.....	194
Sept. 5	Spokane, Wash.....	257	Oct. 24	Phoenix, Ariz.....	200
Sept. 6	Ritzville (1 show), Wash.....	65	Oct. 25	Tucson, Ariz.....	122
Sept. 7	North Yakima, Wash.....	171	Oct. 26	Bisbee, Ariz.....	114
Sept. 8	Seattle, Wash.....	164	Oct. 27	Douglas, Ariz.....	31
Sept. 9	Seattle, Wash.....	00	Oct. 28	Deming (1 show), N. M.....	156
Sept. 10	Seattle, Wash.....	00	Oct. 29	El Paso, Tex.....	88
Sept. 12	Vancouver, B. C.....	178	Oct. 31	Del Rio (1 show), Tex.....	453
Sept. 13	Vancouver, B. C.....	00	Nov. 1	San Antonio, Tex.....	170
Sept. 14	Bellingham, Wash.....	101	Nov. 2	Victoria (1 show), Tex.....	114
Sept. 15	Everett, Wash.....	81	Nov. 3	Galveston, Tex.....	149
Sept. 16	Tacoma, Wash.....	87	Nov. 4	Houston, Tex.....	57
Sept. 17	Centralia, Wash.....	49	Nov. 5	Brenham, Tex.....	72
Sept. 19	Portland, Ore.....	93	Nov. 7	Austin, Tex.....	94
Sept. 20	Portland, Ore.....	00	Nov. 8	Temple, Tex.....	75
Sept. 21	Salem, Ore.....	53	Nov. 9	Waco, Tex.....	35
Sept. 22	Eugene, Ore.....	71	Nov. 10	Corsicana, Tex.....	111



Performer/Stage Name

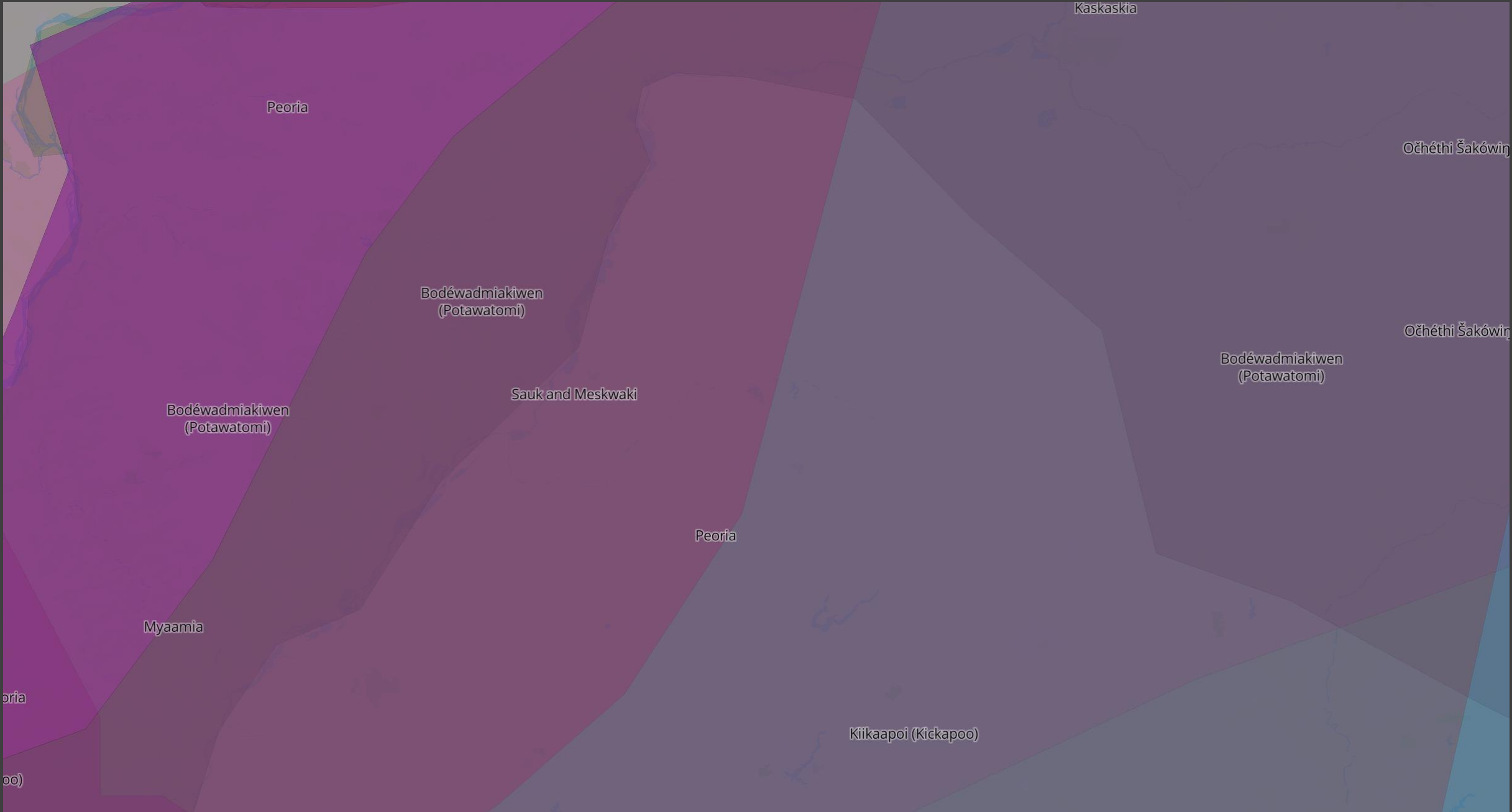


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- Ali, Abdallah
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- Ali, Salam Hadj
- Ali, Sarafon
- Ali, Side
- Antonio, Senor
- Bald Eagle
- Barrera, José, -1949
- Berry, Eugene
- Blue Shields
- Botsford, Ed
- Braddon, Nellie
- Buckskin Harry
- Campbell, Pet

Charging Thunder, 1877-1929

- Charies, Billy
- Clio, Millie
- Cody, Mack
- Cody, Victor F.
- Dalump, R. H.

Gertrude Kasebier, Portrait of Charging Thunder (1898)
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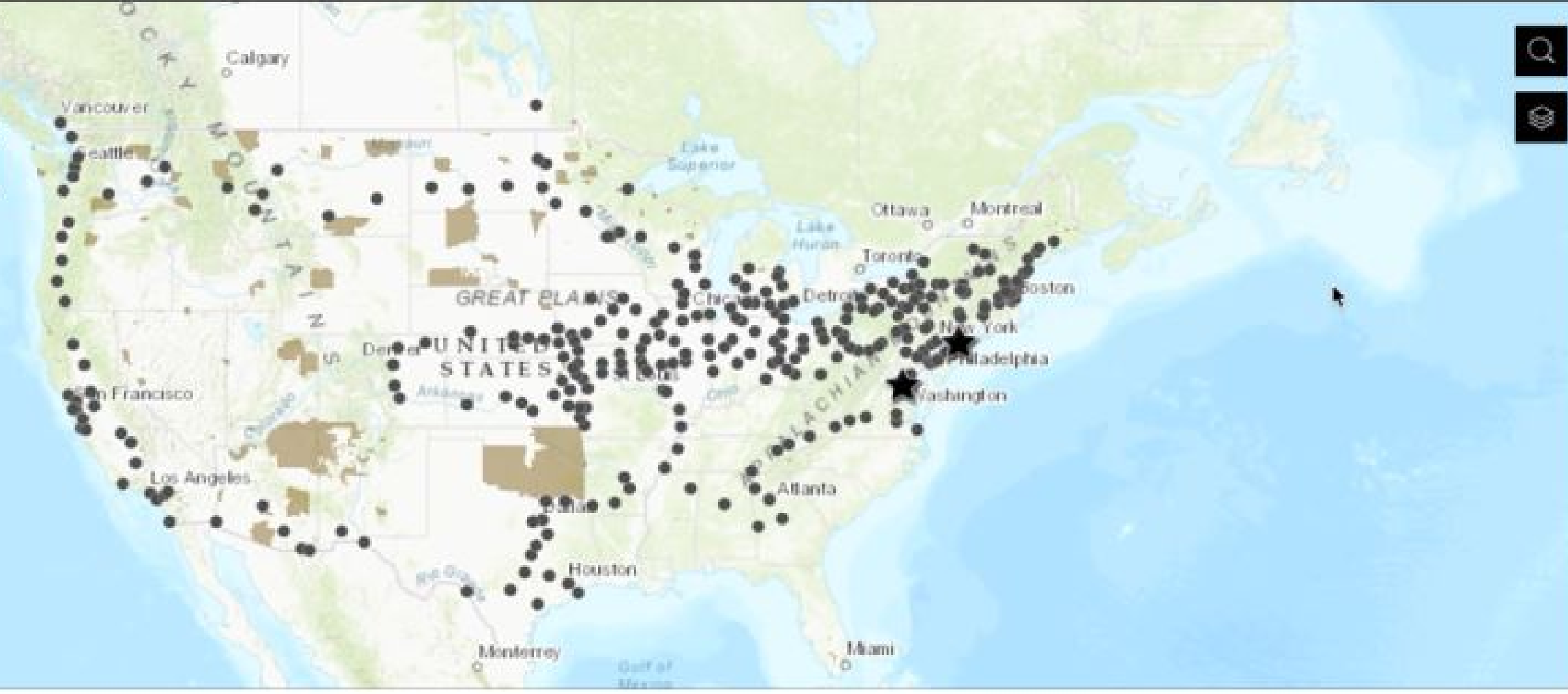
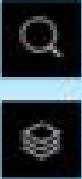
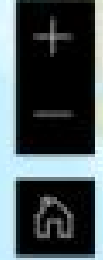
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Native Lands and The Wild West Show





Manifest Destiny and the Fantasy of Buffalo Bill's Wild West

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Samuel Lone Bear

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.
 DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT.

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362		ENGLISH NAME	AGENCY	NATION	
		<i>Samuel Lone Bear</i>	<i>Pine Ridge</i>	<i>Sis</i>	
INDIAN NAME		HOME ADDRESS			
<i>Igalalla</i>		<i>Mato-wanjila Lone Bear (Policer</i>			
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD	BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.
FATHER, <i>Living</i>	MOTHER, <i>Living</i>	<i>Full</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4-18</i>	<i>30</i>
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL	FOR WHAT PERIOD	DATE DISCHARGED	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE		
<i>July 27, 1892</i>	<i>5 years</i>	<i>July 2, 1897</i>	<i>Time C</i>		
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<i>Sept. 9, 92</i>	<i>J. Cornell Newtown Pa</i>				<i>Apr.</i>
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<i>" 22, 96</i>	<i>John Worthington Holicong Pa.</i>				<i>"</i>

Chiefs.

Iron Tail,
Black Fox,

Kills Brave,
Sam Rock,
Iron Cloud.

Reeves

Interpreters

David Bull Bear,

Samuel Lone Bear.

White Bird,
Holy Bear,
Come Last,
Edward Porcupine,
Wm. Fire Thunder,
Flying Horse,
Two Man,
Sam Stabber,
Long Bear

Charging Thunder,
Strong Voice,
Comes Out Holy,
Wm White Bully,
Holy Eagle,
Afraid of Him,
Joseph Two Two,
William Frog,
Ghost Elk

**Charging
Thunder
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The Bad Indians at Fort Sheridan to Give a "Wild-West" Show.

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The twenty-six Ogallala and Brule braves of the Sioux tribe and the three squaws now at Fort Sheridan will not return to their reservations to stir up another bloody war, as has been predicted. They will go abroad to hobnob with the nobility of Europe. This unexpected change of affairs was brought about by Col. W. F. Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill." The Colonel desiring to secure more red men for his European tour this summer, first obtained the consent of Secretary Blaine and the Department of the Interior and then went to Fort Sheridan to learn how the Indians felt about the matter. This visit was made Thursday afternoon. He had a long talk with Kicking Bear, Revenge, One Bull, Killed Close to Home, One Star, Wounded with Many Arrows, Brave, Standing Bear, Noah's Horses Voice, Short Bull, and the rest of the tribe. The Indians did not need much persuasion, and readily accepted "Buffalo Bill's" offer to accompany him across the "great river."

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“Charging Thunder,” of Cody’s Wild West Show, was sentenced to thirty days’ imprisonment for striking George Crager an interpreter, on the head with an Indian club. “Charging Thunder” is not the fury his name implies, but a quiet Indian, only liable to be affected by whiskey. He got a drop too much during a performance, hence the trouble.

**Relocation to the
UK as George
Edward Williams**



Iron White Man



Indian Chief Accuses Custer



Iron White Man Testifies



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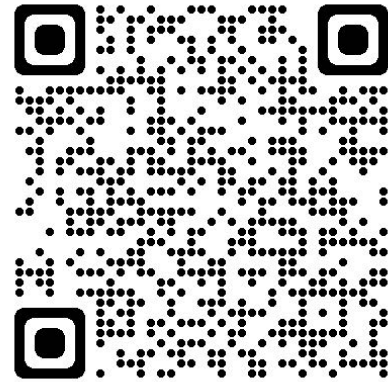
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