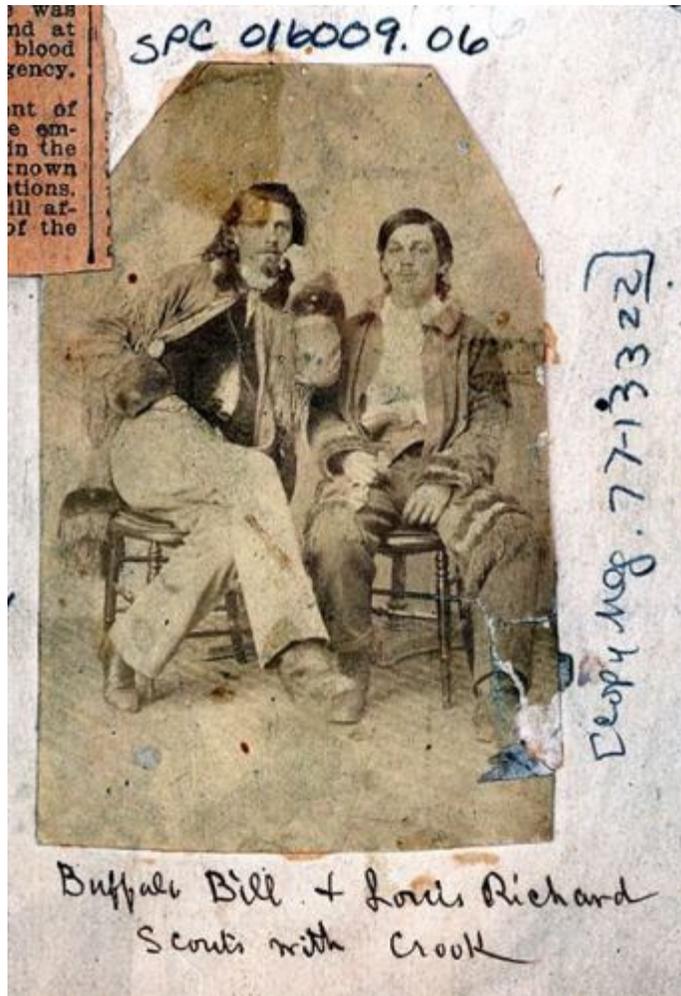


Louis Francis Richard (1847-1905)

Louis was born in 1847. He was the son of Jean Baptiste Richard and Marie Gardinear an Oglala Lakota woman. His mother was born in 1827 in the Yellowstone River region. She was the daughter of William Gardinear and White Thunder Woman. She married Jean Baptiste Richard in 1841 at St. Charles, Missouri. Louis married Jennie Renault circa 1867 and they had eight children.

Louis Richard worked at his father's toll bridge over the Platte River before he was employed as an army scout. He was a Fort Laramie regular and an intimate friend of Chief Red Cloud. Before Crook departed from Fort Laramie, his list of scouts reached nearly forty. Most were mixed-bloods hired from the settlements below Fort Laramie and from the Red Cloud Agency. All were put in charge of Major Thaddeus Harlan Stanton, a paymaster in the department who doubled as trouble-shooter and frequent chief of scouts for Crook. In the picture on the right he is shown with "Buffalo Bill" Cody another scout for Crook.



In later years Louis and his family lived on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

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