

S. J. McKee Archives



John Grass

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Artist:	Barry, D. F.
Collection:	"Chiefs of the Sioux Wars and the Battle of Little Bighorn, published by Paul Harbaugh; Denver, Colorado, 1982."
Date:	c.. 1885
Form:	photograph
Series:	portfolio 67/150
Description:	<p>John Grass 'Pizi' (1837-1918). John Grass, warrior and gifted orator was well known during reservation days as a progressive. Able to speak English and many dialects of Sioux, he was made head chief at the Standing Rock Agency, a position created by the white agent to rival the authority of Sitting Bull and unify the Agency Sioux. In later years he was credited for the success of the Commission of 1889: a session which, by the stroke of the pen, meant the end to the great Sioux Reservation. The stage has been set for the Ghost Dance uprising. Sitting Bull was killed, Wounded Knee took the lives of over 150 Sioux, and ironically John Grass helped negotiate a settlement for the survivors. (Harbaugh, P., 1982)</p>
Dimensions:	23 X 18.5 cm
Size Overall:	51 X 41 cm
Medium:	Black and white photograph
Condition:	Severe bowing back of left vertical edge away from mat.
Primary Support:	paper
Secondary Support:	mat, plexiglass, backing board; frame - metal
Accession Number:	0431