

## Julia A. Chase to George W. Martin

In this letter to Mr. George W. Martin of the Kansas State Historical Society, Julia A. Chase states that she has been looking over some papers and books from Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke and her family. In the letter, Chase explains that some of the material concerns the Indian raid on Salina, Kansas. In addition, she also states that the Hiram mentioned in the accounts is Hiram Bickerdyke, "Mother" Bickerdyke's oldest son.

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Mr. Geo. W. Martin,

Topeka, Ks,

My dear Sir & Friend,

Enclosed find \$1.00 (bill) my Annual dues. I've delayed sending it until I had the time to look over & list certain precious papers & books which I will send very soon, & make one stamp do duty for both letters. Among the papers is a <sup>my report of</sup> banded package relating to the famous Indian raid, which created such an uproar. The Hiram Bickerdike is "Mother's" oldest son. He was a Gov't scout or guide for the military & knew all the others - Wagstaff & Co - did, & very much more about those said raids & the letters from him corroborate all the "Mother" told me which I put into the book. Hiram visited us recently & gave many more <sup>corroboratory</sup> details. He was one of a Gov't party to "round up" (he is a cattle king of Montana) & herd the Indians back to their reservations some years later. During this process the Indians were per-

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mitted to have a "three days weep" on the scene of their raids mentioned in the book, <sup>he</sup> being in the confidence of the Indians they told him much he had not before known as to the reasons for & the extent of their dashes - how they broke into bands & fell on various places. It is late in the day for doing justice to "Mother's" statements & my record of them, but don't you think it should be done?

If you have <sup>unless you prefer to do it</sup> no objections I will send a little letter to the Capital regarding this "Mother Pickendyke" collection & incidentally mention the letters from Hiram & their corroboration of the raid, the arrest of the whiskey traders &c, I will await a reply.

There were several other books which "Mother" meant the Hist. Soc. should have but they were "begged, borrowed or stolen" before Hiram got the library. Some of this matter may be of use to Mrs. McCarter for the Kansas History.

Very kindly yours -

Julia A. Chase.

P.S. I will add my personal collection later on  
J.A.C.