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Photograph Strengthens City's Claim on 'Cardigan,' Missing Custer Hound

Picture taken in Eighties Shows Dog with Minneapolis Master.

Photographic proof that Cardigan, the pet staghound of General Custer, came into the possession of the Rev. C. M. Terry of Minneapolis after Custer's death was produced yesterday by Dr. Thomas S. Roberts, director of the zoological museum at the University of Minnesota.

The photograph showing the famous dog at the feet of his second master, was taken in the early eighties and was presented to Dr. Roberts by Mr. Terry at that time. Mr. Terry lived at 6904 Fifth street southeast.

Relic Given Museum.

When Cardigan died, Mr. Terry had his skin stuffed and presented the relic to the University museum. The photograph is regarded as important in the search for Cardigan, which has attracted widespread interest, in that it disproves the belief that Cardigan died at Madison Barracks, N. Y. and was buried there in 1889.

What became of Cardigan after he disappeared from the University museum has not been definitely established, but indications last night were that the stuffed carcass is still about the Twin Cities, probably occupying a dark and forlorn corner in some secondhand store, antique shop or museum collection.

Rescued by Janitor.

Failure to find the body in the museum basement at the university partially confirms the belief of some that Cardigan was thrown into a university rubbish heap. But it also developed that a thrifty janitor delved into the rubbish heap and saved the historical hound from a most ignominious passing.

He is believed to have taken it, after making a few repairs, to the old Dime Museum on Hennepin avenue where he sold it to the proprietor, a man named Horner.

And there for years, no doubt, Cardigan stood, gaped at by hundreds, but not in admiration, for none of them were aware that they were looking upon the dog which occupied so large a place in the affection of General Custer. To them Cardigan was a stuffed dog – no more.

Collection Has Changed Hands.

Pearly Rhoades, veteran police elevator operator at the city hall, remembers seeing the famous doing his daily watch over the museum, amongst owls, bears, coyotes and other birds and beasts of the forest.

Horner died and Cardigan became part of the estate which came into possession of David Broderick, city detective. Mr. Broderick does not remember the specific relic, but says that he sold the collection and believes it has changed hands several times since.

Three new testimonials were made yesterday to shatter the contention that Cardigan had died in Madison Barracks, N. Y. and been buried there. C. E. Van Cleve, 322 Fourth street south; Mrs. C. W. Kerr, 3901 Stevens avenue, and Dr. Addie R. Haverfield, 402 West Broadway, all reported that they saw the Cardigan exhibit at the university long after the alleged Madison Barracks burial.

H. A. Hildebrandt, superintendent of grounds and buildings at the university, had instituted a search for the former janitor, to verify his rescue and disposition of the stuffed dog.

Image Caption:

Cardigan, the pet hound of General George A. Custer, is here shown with his second master, the Rev. C. M. Terry of Minneapolis. The picture was taken in the eighties by G. W. Floyd, a photographer in the Hale building.