

## **ORIGINAL PICTURE OF CUSTER'S DOG OWNED BY TERRY**

### **“Cardigan,’ Staghound, Owned by Famous General Was Given to Grand Uncle of Cassius Terry**

Sunday's Minneapolis Tribune containing a picture of Rev. C. M. Terry and his dog, Cardigan, given to the veteran Minneapolis pastor by General George A. Custer, was of unusual interest to County Treasurer Cassius Terry of this city and others who are familiar with the interesting story of Cardigan, for the original photograph from which the published print was taken hangs in Mr. Terry's office in the court house. Mr Terry had owned the picture for twelve years.

The story given in the Tribue centers around the present location of Cardigan's stuffed carcass which for several years following his death was exhibited in the zoological museum of the University of Minnesota, but the account of this famous staghound, for which Custer held great affection, is given as follows in the Tribune's report of their investigation:

“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 present 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.

#### **Has Watch 100 Years Old**

A solid gold watch of Old English design and make which was carried by Rev. Terry, after whom Cassius was named, was sent to the Mower County Treasurer a few years ago by Mrs. Terry who was then the matron of Smith’s College, North Hampton, Mass.

Rev. C. M. Terry as the great uncle of Cassius was not as well known to his nephew as Mrs. Terry, according to Cassius, as the former Congregational minister died several years before his wife and Mrs. Terry was also always more punctual in the carrying on of correspondence. During Cassius’ illness a few years ago when he was in a hospital for several months following injuries received in a railroad wreck, Mrs. Terry sent a pack of addressed and stamped post cards in order to receive daily bulletins on his condition.

#### **Mrs. Terry Wrote Book**

For twenty-five years, Mrs. Terry acted as Matron of Smith College and during that time made a special study of ferns, collecting specimens from many sections of the country and at one time writing a book on the subject. Carrying out her request, the body of Mrs. Terry was cremated and the ashes thrown to the winds from the mountain on which she had gathered the largest number of ferns.