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Three sheets of written vocabulary and phrases of the Dakota Native American language. These were notes taken by Reed while stationed with the Army at Fort Rice in the Dakota Territory. Phrases include "I am sick", "something to eat", and "I love you". There are many phrases which are left blank which may indicate that all of the phrases compiled by Reed were ones in which he desired to learn from the Native American tribes with which he interacted and communicated. There are also sections of his pages that are devoted entirely to conjugations of the verb to be (Yanka) as well as sections that break down pronouns, possessive cases, and plurals of words and phrases. Included with the Dakota phrases is a carte de visite of Reed taken in Philadelphia by Wenderoth, Taylor, and Brown.

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