List of Indiana Soldiers Who Served with Custer in the Seventh Cavalry, Extracted from *Men with Custer: Biographies of the 7th Cavalry*, edited by Ronald H. Nichols (2000)

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The Seventh U.S. Cavalry, under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer, left Fort Abraham Lincoln, Dakota Territory, on May 17, 1876. This regiment was to meet up with two other regiments in an effort to force the Northern Cheyenne and the Sioux back to their reservations. On June 25, 1876, Custer's troops were defeated at the Battle of Little Big Horn.

Several men with Indiana connections served under General Custer in the Seventh Cavalry. Biographies for these men can be found in the book *Men With Custer: Biographies of the 7th Calvary, June 25, 1876*, edited by Ronald H. Nichols (Hardin, MT: Custer Battlefield Historical and Museum Association, 2000). The biographies list details about their military careers. Some state where they were born, where they died, and where they were buried. Some biographies give a physical description of the man. Paul Carr of Vallonia, Indiana, extracted the names of those men with Indiana connections and included their rank and the page on which their biography was found. Melinda Moore Weaver compiled the following list from his extractions, including their name, rank, and connection to Indiana.

Name	RANK	Indiana Connection
Adams, Jacob	Private	Vincennes
Bott, George A.	Private	Fort Wayne
Brightfield, John	Private	Dearborn County
Brown, Nathan T.	Private	Marion County
Burns, Charles	Private	Howard County
Clear, Elihu F.	Private	Randolph County
Coleman, Charles	Corporal	Terre Haute
Fowler, Isaac	Private	Union City
Hall, John Curtis	Private	Warsaw
Hare, Luther Rector	Second Lt.	Noblesville
Harris, David W.	Private	Indianapolis
Herendeen, George B.	Scout	Unknown county ²
Horn, Marion E.	Private	Richmond
Huff, Jacob (Jacob Emerich)	Private	Indianapolis and Farmersburg ³
Mathey, Edward Gustave	First Lt.	Corydon and New Albany
Noonan, John (John McKinney)	Corporal	Fort Wayne
O'Mann, William	Private	Hamilton County
Rafter, John J.	Sergeant	Aurora and Chesterton ⁴
Ragsdale, John Samuel	Private	Richmond ⁴
Reeves, Francis M.	Private	Bluffton
Russell, Thomas	Sergeant	Oxford
Selby, Crawford	Saddler	LaGrange
Shields, William M.	Saddler	Vincennes
Smallwood, William	Private	Jonesville
Smith, Henry G.	Private	Lake County
Smith, James Harrison	Private	Madison
Stephens, George Wesley	Private	Madison
Stressinger, Fred (Frederick Streing)	Corporal	Ripley County
Wallace, John W.	Private	Salem
Warner, Oscar T.	Private	Berne
Warren, George A.	Private	Gibson County

Notes

- 1. Paul Carr of Vallonia, Indiana, provided a copy of the book; an excerpt from the Aurora, Indiana, *Journal-Press*; and a list of excerpts with notes for submission.
- 2. After the Civil War, he went to live with an uncle in Indiana. The biography does not list where in Indiana his uncle lived.
- 3. Two of Huff's sons resided in Indiana at the time of Huff's death: Louis in Indianapolis and Jacob Jr. in Farmersburg.
- 4. One daughter, Mrs. Rose Goodpaster, resided in Aurora, and a second, Mrs. W. J. Welch, resided in Chesteron.
- 5. He married Verna Bell Owen on June 14, 1926, in Richmond.