

# State Historical Society of North Dakota



**Testimony**

**House Appropriations**

**House Bill 1287**

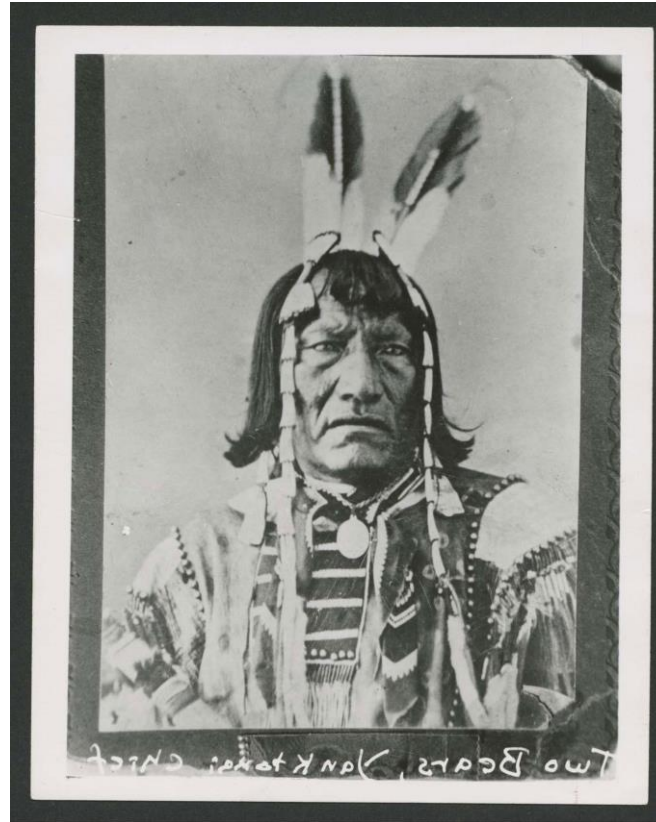
**January 25, 2023**

**9 a.m.**

**Brynhild Haugland Room**

**Dr. Bill Peterson, Director & ND SHPO**





**Three of the men remembered for offering to surrender themselves to protect the camp.  
Left to right, Pispíza Sápa (Black Prairie Dog), Mató Nunpa (Two Bears), and Nasúna Thanká (Big Head or Big Brain)**

[L to R: SA 1952/-0000.000#00603 Black Prairie Dog (same one as at Whitestone?;  
SA 00004/-0001.000#00024 Two Bears; SA 00160/-0000.000#00009 Big Head Photo by Geo W. Scott)



**Whitestone Hill became a State Historic Site in 1905.**

Right: Martin Fuhrer, the first State Historical Society caretaker at Whitestone Hill, stands in front of the new “combination shelter.” c. 1936 – 1941

Below: Famous 1914 Reverend Beede speech proclaiming the attack a mistake. Survivors and Governor Louis B. Hanna in attendance.







In 1933, Two Bears' daughter Mato Cinca identified this as the spot where her family's lodge had stood. She was about 11 years old on the day of the massacre. SHSND A/-514#00003



Descendants of the Yanktonai leader Mahtó Nupjá (Two Bears) dedicating a monument to the American Indian dead at Whitestone in 1942. This is one of the earliest memorials to Indigenous victims of violence in the United States. A group of Ellendale area residents erected this monument, including 19-year-old Clinton Hess, who carved the bronze mold.



# Whitestone Today

Whitestone Hill Memorial Ride – 4 years this September 3, 70 riders from ND, SD, and several other states.





# Whitestone Today

A place for education.

Whitestone Hill Annual Education Day takes place each September welcoming 200 area students.





# Whitestone Today

Education

Recreation

3,270 annual visitors





# Thank you.

