

Captain's Commission
of John Sparks
in Wyoming Territory.

FROM THE DESK OF

B. Abbott Sparks

PRESIDENT/PUBLISHER

11/10/87

Dear Leland:

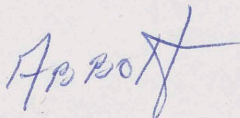
Some months ago you sent me a copy of the commission given John Sparks by the Governor of the Territory of Wyoming. This was when Sparks was to guard the Wyoming ranchers against the Sioux.

I keep thinking about that old piece of paper and wish I had made a quality copy that we could frame appropriately and hang.

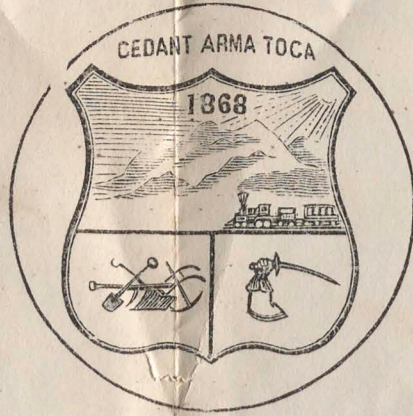
If you would be so kind as to return it to me, I would have 2 or 3 quality copies made. Then I would keep one for my use and return 1 or 2 to you for your family, as you wish.

Due to the year (1876) it was granted and the status of the west at that time, I think it would make an interesting piece of memorabilia. Although I understand he was to guard the settlers against the Sioux, I have never been able to find anything more descriptive of that, although I have inquired of the state of Wyoming.

All best wishes,



AS/lbl
enc.



GOVERNOR OF THE TERRITORY OF WYOMING.

To all who shall see these Presents, Greeting:

Know ye, That reposing special trust and confidence in the Ability and Integrity

of *John Sparks* I have appointed and

do hereby Commission him Captain of Troop of Mounted Rifles of Wyoming Territory, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that Office according to Law and to have and to

hold the said Office with all the powers, privileges and emoluments thereunto of right appertaining unto him the said *John Sparks* for the term of two years from the day of the date hereof unless sooner removed

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the Territory to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Cheyenne the 28th day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Seventy seven and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundredth



By the Governor,
J. M. Lynch Secretary of Territory.

John W. Hayer