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Collection Overview

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Scope and Contents

Text and notes collected by Truman Michelson in Montana from Bull Thigh and William Somers on the sacred Medicine arrows of the Cheyenne. The texts are primarily in English and detail the origin of the arrows and describe the Medicine arrows ceremony. The prayers and songs are in Cheyenne. Also includes notes on Sun Dance.

The following is a list of the contents: (Folder 1) "The 4 arrows." Bull Thigh, Somers. pages 1-23. (Folder 2) "Further information on the 4 arrows." September 10, 1910. Somers. pages 1-24. (Folder 2) Notes on Sun Dance from Bull Thigh. September 10, 1910. pages 1-2. (Folder 3) "Somers fills in gaps of 4 arrows left out by the priest (tells own experiences)." September 9, 1910. Somers pages 1-43. (Folder 4) "3rd day before the ceremony proper." 7 pages. (Folder 5) "The 4 arrows; 4th day of the ceremonies." September 13, 1910. Somers. pages 1-10. (Folder 6) "Words of 1 arrow song; 4th song." September 7. Bull Thigh, Somers. 9 pages. "Arrow song with words," prayers, oaths, creed. September 13. Somers. 11 pages. (Folder 7) Diagrams illustrating parts of the ceremonies, Somers. 5 pages.

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Local Note

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Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Cheyenne Indians -- Religion
- Cheyenne language
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Medicine bundles
- Rites and ceremonies
- Sun Dance
- Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Types of Materials:

- Field notes
- Folklore
- Narratives
- Sketches

Places:

- Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation (Mont.)