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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 2822 Cheyenne stories and ethnological notes collected by Truman Michelson
Identifier:	NAA.MS2822
Date:	1910
Extent:	158 Pages
Creator:	Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938 American Horse, circa 1847 Bull Thigh, circa 1829- Grasshopper, circa 1857- Handing Crow (Cheyenne) Iron Shirt, circa 1835- Left Hand Bull, circa 1826- Medicine Top Sweet Medicine, circa 1867 White Bull, circa 1835- White Eagle, circa 1853- Somers, William Abe, circa 1865- Duster, Albert, circa 1889- (interpreter) Wolf Chief, circa 1851
Language:	Multiple languages In Cheyenne and English.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Cheyenne stories and ethnological notes collected by Truman Michelson Digital Content: Cheyenne stories and ethnological notes collected by Truman Michelson

Administrative Information

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Scope and Contents

Cheyenne stories and ethnological notes collected by Truman Michelson at the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana. Michelson worked with William Somers, White Bull, White Eagle, Albert Duster, Wolf Chief, Left Hand Bull, American Horse, Grasshopper, Iron Shirt, Medicine Top, Handing Crow, Sweet Medicine, and Bull Thigh. The topics include camp divisions, war societies, weapons, dances, camp circle,

personal narratives, and origin myths. Somers, who served as translator for Michelson, also authored many of the stories in this collection. These include: "Story of Great Foolish Dogs Society," "Morning Star or White Rabbit," "The Star Husband," "Indian looking for work," and "Story of Pipe and Smoke."

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Local Note

Title changed from "Ethnological notes on Cheyenne origin myths, camp divisions, war societies, weapons, dances, camp circle, and personal narratives and stories, August-September 1919" 4/1/2014.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Cheyenne Indians
- Cheyenne language
- Ethnology
- Indian dance -- North America
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Social structure

Cultures:

- Cheyenne Indians
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Types of Materials:

- Field notes
- Folklore
- Manuscripts
- Narratives

Geographic Names:

- Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation (Mont.)