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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	MS 2822 Cheyenne stories and ethnological notes collected by Truman Michelson
<b>Date:</b>	1910
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.MS2822
<b>Creator:</b>	Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938 American Horse, 1840-1908 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
<b>Extent:</b>	158 Pages
<b>Language:</b>	In Cheyenne and English.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Cheyenne stories and ethnological notes collected by Truman Michelson</a> <a href="#">Digital Content: Cheyenne stories and ethnological notes collected by Truman Michelson</a>

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## 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.

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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 language
- Ethnology
- Indian dance -- North America
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Social structure
- Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

### Cultures:

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

### Types of Materials:

- Field notes
- Folklore
- Manuscripts
- Narratives

### Places:

- Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation (Mont.)