Preliminary.

Bull Thigh. Keeper of Sacred Beasts.

Southern Cheyenne.

Grandfather Suttain. Father Dgisistas.

Mother Sion. He Belongs to Dgisistas.

Age when Stars fell (1833), he was a child, a year or two in age.

War Society: Dogs.


War Societies. oldest are societies 4 only.

No exogamy & endogamy system in the bands; not in their societies.

Cheyennes originated at foot of Black Hills, Sutton from Red Rock, in Minnesota. Subsequently the Cheyennes crossed the Mississippi and left Black Hills.

The Cheyennes had crossed the Mississippi and come back to the Black Hills before the Cheyennes & Suttons separated. The Suttons talked a little difference in speech from Cheyennes. The Cheyennes & Suttons met at Red Rock and came back together to the Black Hills. They both again crossed the Mississippi.
and went to Red Rock and came back to the Black Hill. They then raised corn and moved back across the Mississippi. Huts were made of grass and wood. The corn was brought by the old woman to the people. These 2 old women were chosen by the Standing Horses. The corn grew very well.
The people were travelling around the country expecting to find something more great. It was winter, they could not find anything. They moved back to the place where they planted corn. When they came back, most of the corn that had been planted had been eaten by some fowle. When they came at the fowle there were some Indians that told them there was a white man come and get all the corn. The rest of it they had taken. The people were in hardship. The sultan had a successor. He told them, "I'm going to hunt for animals which..."
You people can eat.” At the same time the Cheyennes had a success.
He told them the same; that in due time there would be more animals.
More deer, antelopes, bears, birds and all the small animals, for their food.” “I am the foolish ruler descending from the earth.”
“I am Sweet Medicine; will perform all from this generation for all generations to come.”
After they had finished, the two youths, that night in the early morning, there were birds & buffalos and all animals and the birds of the air. At day there was great excitement. They shuddered and killed the
buffalos, deer ran in every direction, and birds flew up. Then they stopped raising corn and began to live on other animals. So the herds of buffalos multiplied through all the world and other animals likewise, and on the winds of air. They scattered, lived happily.
66 years ago, before the white
man came across the continent,
about that time the 1st treaty was
made with the whites. They, through
killed and scared off the game. The whites
commenced to come in greater
numbers. 45 years ago the whites
began to exterminate the buffalo and
poisoned them, and killed the wolves;
they killed and poisoned the Cheyennes.
There was a big camp of Cheyennes in the midst of a big grove of timber on the Cheyenne River. The first came at the camp where he came at night he yelled. He shook the earth, scared the people at night. Every night each time he cut somebody's hair off. Three hundred and sixty times he got an Indian soul. He typed them as a charm.

There was a great big lodge. One evening people came together there. There was another bunch of Cheyennes off about 60 miles from this gang. A young man took a journey to the land.
He came there just before the big ghost come there. They were all in that lodge. He found them there. He asked them why they came together there. They told him there was a great big ghost that comes every night and gets our ears everybody go. Look at us we all have on ear. He looked at them. They all had but one ear. They were very much afraid. He said, 'If he comes here I will show him a trick.' The people felt...
glad. He told them I'm going to meet him. He went down to the forest just after the sun went down. He looked about at the bottom of trees. He picked fungus from every tree and strung them over his shoulder. He had a buffalo robe. The hair was outside and watched the ghost coming. He heard a voice of a ghost. The earth was shaking as to it spoke. When he heard him, he got up and walked to meet him. He went to meet him on the same path the young man told him.
"My friend, what are we trying to do? Are you trying to block my way, and in it, try to find the Big Shot?"

"My friend, I'm not trying to imitate you at all. I am coming to these people to get their ears to make a decision from me."

The young man told him: "Let them look at me." He opened his robe and he had string of mangoes. The Big Shot was delighted.

"No, my friend. I'm not trying to imitate your way."

He told him: "You stay out here." He stands the Big Shot.

"Let me go just to see them..."
People, the young man asked, "I send the (the young man) he said, "What is against your way?" "Well," the old chief said, "If somebody takes a hair with grease and throws it over on the fire and beats a drum, that hurts my nature." The young man went to where the people were in the big lodge. He gave them instructions. He told one of them to get buffalo hair and grease and a drum. He went back and met the ghost. He told him, "We are going down to gather. We'll go straight together."
you take one half these peoples' ears. I will take the
other half. So they come in
all were scared. There was much
excitement. The one that had
the Buffalo hair and grease
ate it right on the fire.
When the smoke rose, the
ghost snuffed it in his
nose hairs. The drumming
was going on. He was dead.
The young man had chafed
him to death. The young
man told the people next
corning to make a big
sweat lodge and build a
big fire in front, and to
put stones in it. He called
All the people came. He had got their ears back from the ghost. This young man went in the sweat lodge with the ears. As they came in he healed their ears one by one as they passed on till the last. So they got their ears back. He told them to go out and bring wood to burn him. After it was burning they set the ghost on top of the fire. It was burnt and melted into different forms of beads, ashes, and the camp moved away. So be it.
MICHELMAN, TRUMAN.


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