

Told by
White Bull

Interpreted by
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When I was two years old I wintered there with the Minneconjui, Itazipco, and Hunkpapa bands. These bands all speak the same language. We hunted antelope, and buffalo and deer. When I was 14 years old we wintered at this place and again when I was 18 years old. We wintered at different places around this hill each time.

Makes Room, father of White Bull was chief of the Minneconjui band. Sitting Bull was chief of all the bands of Sioux. There were only 5 head men of the Minneconjui tribe. They were: Makes Room, Single Horn, Hollow Horn, White Swan and Black Shield.

The Crows came there to fight them in their winter quarters. The soldiers also came, but it was before Gen. Miles. White Bull was (16)? years old.

When I was 4 years old the Mexicans came to sell the Arapahoe blankets. Makes Room made friends with one of those Mexicans and the Mexicans gave them some beads and some knives and Mexican Bridles. The Mexicans brought gun powder and ammunition in to Makes Room and his tribe.

Only the honor men of the tribe were allowed to go to this place and pray. They would go for two or three days at a time and sleep on sagebrush beds and would not eat or drink for this period of time. Four days and nights was the longest that anyone stayed there for prayer.

The Devil's Tower was considered part of the Black Hills and was owned by the Sioux Indians.

There were black bears and gray wolves around this place.

When we were camped on the south side of the Cheyenne River near Bear Butte the white traders came in with a load of supplies and stayed at the home of Makes Room.

In the summer when I was 10 years old we camped on the Mouth of Quaking Asp Creek and had a Sundance.

I cannot remember the Indians having any Sundances at the Devil's Tower.

I was born in April in 1850. In 1853 was when the Mexicans came to trade with our people.

In some places there are sign rocks that tell what is to happen. If some of your people are to be killed by enemies in a few days the rock will show a sign that your people will be shot with an arrow and the very same thing happens in a few days and if you are to have plenty of meat the rock will show some poles with enough meat on them to break the poles and in a few days the