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INDIAN LEGEND

This Legend has been told from generation to generation from earlier days up to the present time.

There was a war between the Apache Indians and the Spanish, long time ago. This war took place near the border of Old Mexico in the stat^a of Texas. The Spanish captured the Apaches and among the Apaches were a few women that escaped the Spaniard. These women were on their way back to their camps but they were lost and did not know where they were going but they thought they were going back to the camp of the Apaches. These women were out on the plains of Texas. They were out for a few days and on their way they were out they were starved for they did not have any food. The women became very weak and could go no farther and so they fell on the ground. While the women were lying on the ground too weak to move, there came a vision from God to one of the women. In this vision God told this woman to stretch her arm out and she did so, and when she stretched her arm out she dropped her hand on an herb known as peyote. God told this woman that she had her hand on something to eat and told her to get it and eat it, for it would give her strength and build her body up and she would find the way home to her people.

The women ate of this herb and felt their hunger ceased. There was a great field of this herb where the women were. God told her in this vision to take some of that herb, the peyote, to her people and for them to use it, and so she took some of the peyotes to her people.

She got back to her people safe and found her people all right. She told her people about the hardship she had and about the experience she had with God. That is how the peyote religious worship started and is still carried on.