

Told by
White Bull (84 years old)

Interpreted by
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One winter when I was about 14 years old we had our winter quarters near this butte.

This butte (Devil's Tower) belongs to the Indian bands that owned that part of the Black Hills (Minneconjui, Itazipco, and Hunkpapa).

We did not worship this butte, we worshipped our God. We had our own worship called the Sundance near this place.

Told by
Old Bull (83 years old)

There was a war between the Crows and the Sioux right close to this place and about 10 Crows were killed.

About 118 years ago we used to live around there and in the Black Hills and one time we build homes there with old rotten logs and we named the year by that. (The year of the building of homes with rotten logs.)

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White Bull

The Missouri Buttes were called Twin Buttes and north was another one called Squash Butte.

The boundary where the Sioux lived followed the Antelope Creek and then up north to the Little Missouri and all the Sioux lived between the Missouri River and this West boundary.

Owl Butte must be what you call Inyan Kara.

Mato Tipi was an important place for the Indians. That Butte is well known by all the Sioux Indians.

Years ago we used this place as a winter quarters and this is how the arrows and scraping knives came to be found here.

I was over there two years ago to the Black Hills and I went on top of the highest hill there. They call it Lookout Peak.

If there had been such a thing as a Devil living there when the Indians were there all the Indians would be dead.

Some of the very old Indian Chiefs who lived a long time ago died and have their graves near there.