

WINN, R. S.

LEGEND. #4077

SNYDER CYCLONE IN SPRING OF 1905

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LEGEND & STORY FORM
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This report made on (date) May 18 1937

1. This legend was secured from (name) R. S. Winn (Deceased)

Address _____

This person is (male or female) White, man, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe White man

2. Origin and history of legend or story The Snyder Cyclone in spring 1905

A Kiowa, Indian. Lone Wolf Tribe.

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached _____

THE SNYDER CYCLONE IN SPRING 1905

By

Zaidee B. Bland.

This was more than a bad storm there were many killed and injured. I helped prepare first aid packages for Mr. Winn to take, representing the Masons, on the first special train that was sent out of Hobart to assist the storm sufferers. When Mr. Winn returned from Snyder several days later he related this to me.

There were a good many Indians at Snyder looking among the ruins and among them I found one who trades with us here a good deal and talks fairly good English and this is what he told me of this town.

"White man no build town here. This the cup of the Gods. The Gods always mix their winds here. The town always blow away ever so many years. No can help it. When mixing winds, whirl, whirl, whirl everything tear down lie flat so wind can get out quick fast strong.

My ancestor told white man when he come here with iron rails, Choo, Choo, little measuring lines no make town here; never stay always blow blow, round round. White man he laugh at old Indian. Now white man see."

Snyder is situated with hills on all sides or more properly I should say surrounded on all sides by the

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Wichita Mountains. Winds can scarcely reach it at all except the current of the wind be broken by the tops of the mountains which would naturally cause the winds to whirl more or less especially if the wind had reached much of a velocity.