My name is Chris Bull Shields. I am 73 years old. I am to tell the story about the old people and our first treaty. When the police arrived here and what the old people told me and what I heard amongst the elders say, there was the Catholic priest with whom Rainy Chief from Blackfoot tribe became friends who stayed in camps amongst the tribe. He became familiar with their ways, their wars and killing each other and killing their wives. All of these the priest became familiar with. Just how long afterwards when he told his friend, Rainy Chief, "I am going east to the government. I will get to them. I have a great pity on people who are killing amongst themselves and also killing their wives. The cause for it is drinking that liquor." How long afterwards, the priest started on his journey back to the east, how long it took him before he arrived at the government. Then he started to tell why he came to them and how he was associated with the Blood and Blackfoot tribes. He was told by the head of the government to wait for the leader of the police force to come in. "He will listen to you." The next day the head of police met with him, every word he said was taken down in record. After recording everything
he said to them, the head of the government reviewed what he had told them. Then he was told by the government that, "The police will go up west and will try and put a stop to what you have told us. We will make a treaty with the Blackfoot and Blood Tribes." How long afterwards the police started on their journey for the west. They finally arrived at the Old Man River and started building their houses and horse barns and also built their fort. Just how long they stayed at their fort, in the meantime they were visiting all Indian camps. During that time the Bloods didn't have their reserve or to say this is Blood Indian Reserve. Then came Tall White Man (David Laird). He told the Blackfoot tribe, "We will gather at Ridge In The Waters and we will negotiate," and that's where all the tribes moved their camps, consisting of Bloods, Blackfoot, Peigan, Sarcee and Stoney and also the police had camps there. The Bloods, Sarcees, Peigans, Stonies and Blackfoot all camped there also and the following day, the negotiations got under way. Chief Red Crow is our leader. He then presided with Tall White Man (David Laird). "We are going to negotiate with you and make peace treaty with you. You Indians are too hostile. You kill amongst each other, make wars with others. We will put a stop to that and we will make Peace Treaty." They were going to start to write negotiations. Chief Red Crow stopped everything and said, "My friend Chief Crowfoot is camping over there. He belongs to the Blackfoot. Send a word to him and I will have a meeting with him and the negotiations will proceed." Tall White Man (David Laird) told Chief Red Crow, "We will send for him." Chief Crowfoot had his camp across the Bow River on the north side. Then they sent a word to Chief Crowfoot and he immediately moved in with the rest of the camps and met with his friend Chief Red Crow. By then everything was ready and they sat to start negotiating. The principal person to start up the meeting was Tall White Man (Mr. Laird). The interpreter was Jerry Potts, a French halfbreed who spoke the Blackfoot language okay. "Crowfoot and Red Crow, the police and our great white Queen have come to negotiate with you. You will quit your wars, killings amongst yourselves. This police in scarlet coat will look after you." Then the negotiations proceeded. Nobody knew the English language to know the names of all the white leaders present and Tall White Man. Nobody knew their high positions. Tall White Man stood up before the Indian people and he called on Red Crow to "Stop your wars and killing amongst yourselves. You obey laws and follow the laws." I will try and explain what I have heard. "If one person kills another he alone will be punished for what he had destroyed. Where we camp across from here the Blackfoot tribe will be reserved for them and where we camping the Blood will be reserved for them and also the Peigan, Sarcee and Stonies." The leaders of the Blackfoot Tribe were just listening to what they were being told. "This statement that was explained to you will last as long as the sun shines and rivers flow and you will be given money, $12.00 per head soon after we get through with our negotiations." Then they reviewed regulations because no one can speak English to do away with wars and going on war paths and stealing each other's belongings. After, when they got through what was said, Tall White Man got up and he bent down
and took some grass from the ground and then lifted up the grass and said, "This grass is tribal-owned by you Indians. You won't quarrel over it. You will make use of it all the same. The government will look after you as long as the sun shines and the rivers flow, and the money you will be receiving will never end." After he got through talking about what took place, Tall White Man told Crowfoot and Red Crow, "I think the time has arrived for you to sign the law and negotiations we have been preparing." The chiefs didn't say a word. "Come forward and sign." The Tall White Man told them, "Why don't you come forward and sign?" Crowfoot's answer to him was, "There is one article you didn't include. What it was, the liquor we are not taking and we will not drink. It's destroying us, our horses, our tanning hides, buffalo hides. My people are soaking them for liquor and that's what is causing all the grievances on my people. That's what you didn't include, Tall White Man." "I will get it written along with the rest." The chiefs accepted to sign the legal documents that were presented to them to sign. After the signing was over, Red Crow told Tall White Man, "No, I am not taking this land because I own the Belly Buttes." The Peigan also said, "I own the Crownsnest and Porcupine Hills." No word from Sarcees and Stonneys and Crowfoot said, "I belong here, Ridge In The Water. I will stay here," and they received a sum of $12.00 per head, and also rations were distributed to all five tribes. Some time after the treaty was finished, the Blood tribe moved south on the north hill at Fort Macleod. The following summer, one of the land surveys and one police and one government official along with Red Crow told Red Crow, "I think it's time you tell us what part of land you are going to keep and occupy. Tomorrow we will be going out and look over the land you wanted to keep and occupy." They used pack horses and saddle horses to go out and see for themselves the land that Red Crow wanted to keep. They all arrived at Belly Buttes and Red Crow told them, "This is Belly Buttes, I keep," then they followed the river going north and south to U.S.A. border and into the Rocky Mountains and followed down the Waterton River till they came back where they started off. This is the land I am keeping. He then signed for it, witnessed for it by one government official, one police and a land surveyor. He was told by the government official, "This land you're keeping will be surveyed by one land surveyor. He is the head man of all lands." Then they proceeded home when everything was finished. He was told by the police that, "Now that you kept the Belly Buttes, you have to stay permanently." And the whole tribe came back to the Belly Buttes, and what land Red Crow wanted to keep was surveyed. The borders were the two rivers on east St. Mary's River to the U.S.A. border north from St. Mary's River west on Old Man River, south on Waterton River. It ends at the mountains. After the whole Blood tribe got together, Red Crow related to his people the land he's keeping.

Soon after the Blood tribe knew where their land is, they started to build houses on their own locations. After the whole tribe settled down, they were told to send their children to school and also they taught how to plant potatoes and
vegetables and grain. And as the years went by, the Mormons moved in where Cardston is located. They asked Red Crow if they could get permission to stay for the winter and Red Crow allowed them to stay for the winter. The following year they went and visited Red Crow's camp and that's when they requested a lease where they camped for a 99 year lease and Red Crow accepted the request to lease the land to them for 99 years. In those years there wasn't an Indian that understands English.