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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Brief mention of how names are acquired.

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These were asked and I am answering them. Like I said before, what I do not know I cannot tell anyway. Just the way I know or heard them that's the way I tell them. Now this story I am going to tell I understood it very well the way it was told to me. That's the way I will tell it. There was this man named Short Crow -- his English name is Stephen Fox. The man's name is Bear Hat. His wife, the woman was a big tall woman. I do not know her children. All I know is there was this son of his who is really dark. When this boy was lively he was the kind of boy who is crazy, very inquisitive about life. The Indian is a spoiled child, his father will want him to be given a name. He will be given a necklace with his name. Myself, I am not saying I was a spoiled child but I am just saying for an example. Myself, my father, I was able to get a name. My father was poor. His big brother's name was Strapped Wolf. He asked him to give a name to his son. He gave him a

horse. I was painted on my name. I am called First Rider. That's what it is. I was not called by my father's name. It is not in that Indian life to have the father's name. They are not called by their father's names because we do not know how this child will be. Maybe he is crazy, he might spoil his father's name. That is why it's like that.

When the boy can look after himself his name will be changed. He will be given any old name, but when he is at age to go to war he will get a young warrior's name. When his life is all right and has grown to a full man, then when we know what kind of a man he is. When he has become rich only then he will get the name of a good man. If he gets the good name right away and is poor, people will say, "He is poor. Why did he get that name?" That is why they get their names like that.

Now Bear Hat's son was not entitled to get a name because of his craziness. He was crazy, greedy and because he was dark, he was called Crow Crazy. He is a crow and crazy. He is greedy and wants everything for himself, that's what crazy is. A coyote is scabby and got crazy and went among the camps. The dogs that he bites went crazy and the people that he bit went crazy too. That is what this crazy is and he was called Crow Crazy.

In those days they do not have brothers or sisters right away. (In other words the woman does not get pregnant again right away.) That is because they are made holy. The woman will leave her husband and not go back to him before thirty days. These I just said or mentioned. Crow Crazy was walking good when Bear Hat died. In those days the woman -- when her husband dies -- she does not get married for four years. It is because their hair is cut. When it has grown then she is able to get married again. If it is still short and she got married, the man would be told that he married a used woman. That is why it is like that.

After these four years she found a white man. They do not know what kind of a white man. He was dark like a negro but we do not know if he is one. We would have known a negro. All we know is that he was dark. This white man, there was another white man named Money. But this white man was called Handsome Young Man. He mixed with the Indian and spoke a little Blackfoot. He was nearly bald. He had a high forehead. The woman, she was not named. They just said Bear Hat's wife. She hung around with Handsome Young Man. She got pregnant and when it was born Handsome Young Man went away. How long did he go we don't know. Then he came back. The child was a boy and

was dark. Crow Crazy was his half-brother so he was called Short Crow Boy because he was dark. Crow Crazy was big. Then school came; the woman died but Short Crow Boy was big by now. When he went to school he got an English name. Stephen Crazy Crow. When he went to school and his background was checked, they didn't know his father. Later he went to Dumbow school. When he came back he was in a band. When he was on the reserve he was a thief or a crook because he was a white man.

When these Dog Shades were caught or he changed his name to Stephen Fox. He just took that new name. He didn't stay long when he married this woman, who was married before and had two children. She was a halfbreed too. Her name is Charging Woman. He lived with his brother Crow Crazy. They both did crooked things. Crazy Crow was well known for his cheating. He was given in ceremony on his cheating. The people in those days made those kind of people well known. Because he spoke English he worked here. He started turning good. These Little Horns he joined.

He was smart and his name was changed to Big Eagle. Bear Hat, Crow Crazy his other brother, One Spot. They had different mothers but the same father, Bear Hat. They had different mothers. Short Crow just had the same mother as Crow Crazy but a different father, a white man. He became a born again. The Big Dried Ear Society, those were the Horns he joined. He was helpful because he is a white man and worked. At the Gladstone Hall to the east where we go down to it, there he made a new breaking. Today the road goes over it. That's how he lived, he had horses but not many. He had cattle but not many. He joined the Big Pierced Ear Society, understood it very well and he sings but he never moved a Horn Society thing. He was given in ceremony a tipi. Again he was given in

ceremony another tipi. This tipi that was given was one side red paint and the other half yellow. The other was a sheep design. That's when he joined but I do not know what he took. Because in the Horn Society the people do not all know the rules. These Horns are the only ones that know. That is why we do not all know. I will be surprised today if a person not in the Horn Society tells about them. A Horn, a person if he was a Horn just once or was a double he will not know the Horn Society. Only once he will be a Horn and will be with his wife, his wife takes only one thing and if never painted he still doesn't know the Society. But when he gets the power root and owns it, with that he will know and be taught the rules of the Horn Society.

With this Big Pierced Ear Society he was the main person. He knew the songs real well. He was a singer and owned a power root. He got the Horn Society going and he was a white man. The people in those days, when becoming a Horn, they went to school and when they are going to join, they braid their hair. They were afraid to cut some of their hair. The people in those days plucked their whiskers but they didn't have too much. Short Crow never couldn't grow his hair. He was like his father -- he started getting bald. How could he grow his hair? So he just cut it short. These comrades, this one just died -- Willie Scrape It Whiter -- Napi was his name. He went to school and grew his hair. But Short Crow couldn't grow his. When he lived like an Indian he got the name Eagle Child. He took the name Eagle Child. This man Eagle Child got the Long Time Pipe. This man had the Long Time Pipe stolen from him. We do not steal the Long Time Pipe. But now it has been twice that it was stolen. This man called Calling First was the one

that stole it. Since then it has being given in ceremony all the time.

I know very well when it was stolen from him. His wife cried for it. The old people told him to stop crying for it. Then he gave it in ceremony. I knew the horses he got in ceremony. I was looking at them. Right away he became a Medicine Pipe owner. These were called Hard Rider Parted Hair Society. That half red tipi of his was where they danced by this Crazy Dog Society. He fed for his pipe. This pipe was called the Cree Pipe. He gave a feast for it. In the Hard Rider Parted Hair Society there was this one called Long Mane, he was the one that got it.

Here in Cardston to the east is where Short Crow lived. He didn't plow the field he just cut hay there. He turned for the better, he moved down by Gladstone Hall and that is where his children are still living. There was not too many that he got in ceremony. These holy things of his he wrote down and those are what he went by. That's why he knew the Indian way of life.

When my father told about him he always said, "This white man." Others called him a white man too. he didn't have too many relatives. His wife died. He was very old when this girl was made to marry him. She was the daughter of the man called Thread Feet. Her name was Girl Talk Woman. This Girl Talk Woman is the kind of name she didn't deserve to get a name. So she was just called Girl Talk Woman.

This wife of his grew up by her and what his old wife had, she was painted on them and that is why she was able to be a Medicine Pipe woman. She couldn't join the Horn Society way.

Short Crow, this I don't know what year it was in when Many Big Crane had the oaki. At that time he cut the rawhide ropes for the lodge. Children did this, but at this time he did it. My father was old when he did it too, and this man that just died, Napi, did the cutting too. Short Crow knew the oaki because he cut the rawhide and he was in the oaki. He knew many Indian ways because he wrote them. Finally he was, let's say, a grandparent. He showed the Horn Society the old Indian ways of the Horns. But he could not show the songs because we do not teach them. Now myself I'll say now this winter of '75 there is no Blood Indian that stands higher than me the way I know the Horn Society ways. That was the way Short Crow was, he wrote them and went by his writing and couldn't go wrong in the Indian way. I know he had four tipis; three times he was a Horn -- three Medicine Pipes. He was a crazy too. A Pigeon, Crazy Dog, A Black Catcher, Crow Carrier, the round danced Peigan Pipe; he had something to do with that too. These are the things I know he got in ceremony. That's why he was able to go to smoke gatherings. He was very generous. Everybody liked him because he invited a lot. He eats with the people. When he sees an old person he gave him tobacco, because in those days they loved their smoking.

This guy Crow Crazy died. It was his brother. East of Carston is where he lived. Crow Crazy and Bear Hat's land, that was where he lived. He moved up when they put the dam there. This place is called Up Take Lease Land and that is where he died and that young wife of his is still living there. She remarried again to George Many Fingers. Many Feathers is his Indian name. That is where his property is still going. To the south of here is a son of his who is very wealthy. These sons of his, this one is called Crow Tail Feathers and his children. They are all white people. He knew his father

so he changed his name from Crazy Crow to Fox. When he got that name the people changed his Indian name and they changed it again to White Plaster and he was also called Eagle Child, also Big Eagle. Here there is nothing of the White Plaster. He went to the Grovons and was given this name for Christmas, White Plaster, name of... His children took that name. All his children took that name. All his children are white men.

That's how I know Short Crow and that was his name while he was here, Stephen Crazy Crow. His new name was which he gave himself, Stephen Fox. He changed his name because he was going to jail. That is why he changed it. There were many that were going to jail that changed their names. That's all.

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