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of his tribe. The Shoshones being but a small tribe, they were hard pressed on every side by their enemies. As Chief, it was Washakie's part to repel the attacks of the enemies of his people – the Sioux, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Blackfeet, Crows + others. In fighting the latter he received a wound on his check – which left a scar on his face. He is known by all the Indians on the Continent as the "Snake Chief with scarred cheek."

For ³/₄ of a century he has been noted for his loyalty to the government and friendship with the whites. Always ready at an hours notice to lead his warriors against the Indian enemies of the government.

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He ever could be induced to [sway?] them against whites.

- -- With a strong force of his warrior he met the expedition against the Mormons. The Commanding Officer pressed him to unite his forces with his against the Mormons. Washakie announced that he had never lifted up his hand against the whites and never would.
- -- I am sorry, he said, but I cannot help you this time. On many occasions he has rendered valuable service with his warriors. With the military in subduing hostile tribes. By Army officers

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Post he happened to be near. On one occasion he requested the War Department to give him fifty rifles and ammunition for his warriors – his request was immediately granted. With these the old man [illegible] say – I drove off enemies and the Great Father's [rest of sentence scratched out].

When the government wished the Shoshones to settle down on a Reservation of their own, Washakie chose the Wind River Basin as the home of his tribe. His choice was a wise one – for at the time it was full of game + the land for agricultural purposes is the best in Wyoming.

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The will of the Great Father at Washington has ever been law with Washakie. The government had but to make known its wishes. Washakie ever ready and willing to comply. He relinquished the southern portion of his Reservation, the fertile Lander valley noted for [illegible] productiveness, beauty, etc. etc., at the request of the government. He received his traditional enemies the Arapahos on his reservation, freely given them a portion of his land as their home.

Every Commission that has ever visited the Shoshones has been cordially received by Washakie – and no treaty

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ever fell to the ground when Washakie had the say.

-- Opposed as he was to the allotting of his land in [illegible] to the Indians the U.S. [illegible] Agent had but to show his Commission when Washakie at once consented.

Fort Washakie so named in honor of him. Also Washakie Needle.

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literally hacked [illegible] before the eyes of his father who through performing [illegible] of valor failed to save his boy – remorse + grief turned his hair gray [illegible 40 years ago.

- -- Married 4 times. 5 children survived out of a family of 10 grandchildren are numerous.
- -- Religion always uttered the name of God or Our Father as he called Him with reverence bowing his head. For many years past well disposed to the "White Robes" as he called the Epis[copal] Church.

-- Many of his old friends among Officers of the Army he made in early times being of the church

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their daily life + bearing influenced him for he was a keen judge of men.

-- Story of the pompous young minister in Mr. Campbell's paper.

His gift of 160 acres of land with the White-Robes.

His letter enclosed [no enclosure found].

[Illegible] of the presentation of saddle by President Grant. Mr. Campbell's [illegible].