



Pikunni chiefs and leaders in Washington, D.C. on January 1, 1903

Standing, from left: Owl Child (brother of Mountain Chief); Joe Tatsey, a young interpreter from Kainah; Bear Chief, one of two last war chiefs; Four Horns, known as a gentle and wise man; Jack Miller, an elderly mixed-blood interpreter also known as Three Bulls; Mountain Chief, in a pose that must have made his agent and the missionaries back home break into smiles. A notorious old warrior and ceremonially active man, he didn't mind taking part in Christian events as well, perhaps thinking here that the President would hear his words more favorably if he came bearing a cross.

Seated, from left: William 'Billy' Russell, another mixed-blood interpreter, also advisor to chiefs; Little Dog, band chief and former war chief; Curly Bear, acting in place of the ailing White Calf in leading their talks with the president and other government people. Note that Curly Bear has along his Kit Fox Society emblem, a symbol of power and leadership. The Kit Foxes were an elderly warrior group, the Pikunni equivalent of the Horn Society among the Kainah and Siksika.

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