

Chief Henry C. Roman Nose

This is a photograph of Chief Henry C. Roman Nose. Chief Henry C. Roman Nose was a Southern Cheyenne leader and famous for his part in the Battle of the Washita as a member of Black Kettle's Band. Sometimes Chief Henry C. Roman Nose is historically incorrectly identified as Roman Nose, also known as Hook Nose, a Northern Cheyenne leader. Roman Nose was one of the most esteemed warriors of the Plains Indian Wars of the 1860's and was killed during the Battle of Beecher Island on September 17, 1868. He and his followers attempted to charge Colonel George A. Forsyth and his men on the Arikaree River island. The Cheyenne kept the soldiers pinned down until September 25 when a rescue force finally arrived from Fort Wallace. This photograph was copied from Famous Indian Chiefs by C. I. H. Johnson. For more information on Roman Nose and the problems with his historical identification please read the article "A Northern Cheyenne Called Roman Nose" by Orvel A. Criqui found in the 1985 autumn edition of Kansas History. It can be found online at kshs.org.

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