

# Painted History

THE ART OF CADZI CODY



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Hide paintings have been a medium for recording stories and events experienced by Plains Indians for centuries. This elk hide was painted by Eastern Shoshone artist Cadzi Cody, who is considered to be one of the great masters of hide painting. His artwork was created during a time of great change for the Shoshone people and depicts events remembered from before they were confined to the reservation. This painting illustrates a mounted buffalo hunt encompassing a central motif containing elements of the Sun Dance. Cadzi Cody is known to have produced over twenty hide paintings in the years spanning 1885-1912. Commercial paints were used in the creation of this image which is believed to pre-date 1900.

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