

In Hidatsa Village was an old man Grey Old Man, his wife Red Corn Woman and a daughter White Corn Woman. Poor man but good hunter would bring them meat and one night sent woman he was living with to Red Corn Woman to ask for her daughter saying that he would provide well for their needs. He married her but the family stayed at the village when village went up river into winter camp, this family living in woods near old village. Food began getting scarce and young man told wife not to feed the old people and refused to go to the village for corn. Old man out one day leaning on tree saw buffalo nearby and when buffalo went west he found drops of blood where the animal had stood; took blood on grass to wife to boil but found it to be a baby, man named him Blood Man, old man smokes him four times and he grew up. Boy tells that he was sent to save them from starvation, that man should make arrows and bow, a hoop with hole in it and to wish for fattest kind of buffalo and one appeared and he shot it. Son in law came in and heard old people groaning they had eaten so much. Blood Man told girl that magpie had told him that people were starving and that buffalo had sent him to kill her husband for being unkind to the old people and she agreed; there was a quarrel over an elk and Blood Man killed the man and the people were contented; BM provided meat for them through winter and had them closes lodge for four days while Holy Women came and covered scaffolds with meat of buffalo they had killed.

Runners from the winter camp and were fed and took meat to their starving people and then came back. Blood Man told them that they should kill old buffalo bull and get hide and in spring before planting time visitor in camp to wear hide, all bring pemmican and they dance "IMITATING BUFFALO" and young men take bowl of pemmican to young girl and people say they will marry. At time Lodge Boy and Spring Boy saved buffalo's life when killing the evil spirits, the buffalo promised he would come to people when they were in want and that was reason he came at this time. If one makes promise and does not fulfill it, he will be destroyed. Blood Man introduced the ceremony, raised a family, and then went back to his people.

Ceremony Last given at Fishhook by Dog Bear and his wife Bug Woman.