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Guide to MS 1306 Drawings
related to *Tribes of California*

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 1306 Drawings related to <i>Tribes of California</i>
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NAA.MS1306
Creator:	Powers, Stephen, 1840-1904
Extent:	7 Drawings (visual works) (pencil and ink)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Processing Information

The drawings in this collection were originally cataloged under MS 1306, MS 1303 and MS 2398.

In 2023, the collection was reprocessed and the drawings were incorporated into a single collection under number MS 1306.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Stephen Powers (1840–1904) was an American journalist, ethnographer, and historian of Native American tribes in California. He was the author of *Tribes of California* (1877) published by the US Geological Survey and Bureau of Ethnology.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of ten (10) drawings related to:

Powell, John Wesley and Stephen Powers. *Tribes of California*. United States: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1877.

It includes four drawings of facial tattooing, similar but not identical to figures 10-18, and two sketches of Senel (figure 19). There are also drawings of petroglyphs and figures which do not appear in the published text.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution or National Anthropological Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

Local Numbers

NAA MS 1306

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Petroglyphs
- Tattooing

Types of Materials:

- Drawings
- Works of art

Places:

- California
- North America

Container Listing

Box 1306, Folder 1

Facial tattoos

5 Drawings (visual works) (pencil; approximately 5 x 7 inches)

Box 1306, Folder 2

Plan of Old Senel

1 Drawings (visual works) (pencil and ink; 7.75 x 10 inches)

1 Drawings (visual works) (ink ; 6.5 x 7.5 inches)

Notes: NAA INV 11015900

Box 1306, Folder 3

Petroglyphs

2 Drawings (visual works) (pencil; 10 x 6.75 inches; 18.75 x 10 inches)

Notes: One drawing is captioned: "Hieroglyphics at Cunningham's Ranch, Mile's Creek, Merced Co. Cal."

Box 1306, Folder 4

Human figures

1 Drawings (visual works) (pencil; 8.25 x 8.5 inches)

Notes: Possibly a tracing of a petroglyph. Captioned: "Lagoon Tribe. Two men. One woman."