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## MS 1335 Kickapoo notes and texts from Joseph Murdock

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	MS 1335 Kickapoo notes and texts from Joseph Murdock
<b>Date:</b>	1929
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.MS1335
<b>Creator:</b>	Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938 (Collector) Murdock, Joseph (Informant)
<b>Extent:</b>	185 Items (ca. 185 pages)
<b>Language:</b>	Materials are in English and Kickapoo.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Kickapoo notes and texts from Joseph Murdock</a> <a href="#">Image(s): Kickapoo notes and texts from Joseph Murdock</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Available Formats

Microfilm-University of Michigan, Anthropology. 10/52. Sol Tax-9/11/56.

### Available Formats

Digital surrogates are available online.

### Citation

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## Scope and Contents

Truman Michelson conducted research among the Kickapoo in 1929 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. During this time, he worked with Joseph Murdock, a Mexican Kickapoo and former student at Carlisle Indian Industrial School. This collection contains an assortment of Kickapoo linguistic notes, ethnographic notes, and stories that Michelson obtained from Murdock. Topics include sin and social crimes, clan organization, childbirth, puberty, ceremonies and rituals, and daughter and father-in-law taboos. Among the stories is an English translation of the rabbit cycle legend (see MS 1203 for Kickapoo text), Murdock's experiences as a boy, and stories illustrating bashfulness before mothers-in-law.

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The following is a list of other stories, which are in Kickapoo without English translations: Exchanging tooth with a garter snake; How corn came to be on this earth; Wisakea and the mallard duck; Wisakea and the skunk; Legend of witches; Why people began to kill each other; Why it is that some people can understand children before they talk and why they understand dogs; Woman and dog; The maiden and the man who frightened her; A thunderer is captured and made prisoner; Wisakea bungling host stories; Boy told by the

giant to feed the lion straw and the horse meat; Skunk and opossum; Garter snake tooth; The one who was left behind.

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## Local Note

See MS 1203 for rabbit cycle legend in Kickapoo.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Indians of North America -- Northeast
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New Kickapoo
- Kickapoo Indians -- Kinship
- Kickapoo language
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Linguistics

### Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- Northeast
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New Kickapoo

### Types of Materials:

- Field notes
- Folklore
- Manuscripts
- Narratives