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on metal implements and ornaments of  
the American Indian, at and before contact

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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

### Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Referred to by Holmes (12th Annual Report Bureau of American Ethnology, Washington, 1894, page xxviii), as a paper on "prehistoric metallic articles of the mound area." However, the manuscript has incomplete sections, marginal notes, etc. and was evidently not completed at the time of Reynolds' death in 1891. It includes descriptions of only part of the artifacts; certain blank sections are marked, "Here introduce own specimens."

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## Scope and Contents

The file includes the following parts: 1. Draft of an article on metal ornaments and implements, 129 pages, partly typed and partly handwritten; typed copy of same, 101 pages. 2. "Introduction and General Remarks," different from an identically named section in the above, 12 pages, handwritten. 3. Introductory statement dealing with the types and origins of copper specimens in the possession of the Indian at the time of contact with the white man. Draft of a section for inclusion in No. 1 above. 10 pages, partly typed and partly handwritten. 4. Citations from early historical sources mentioning the existence and role of copper among the Indians at the time of contact. 57 pages handwritten; typed copy of the same, 24 pages.

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## Local Numbers

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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:

American Indians -- metal -- ornaments -- Tools

Cultures:

American Indians -- metal -- ornaments -- Tools

Places:

United States -- Archeology