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MS 1404 Fox syllabary of "Joking"  
text collected by Truman Michelson

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## Collection Overview

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<b>Title:</b>	MS 1404 Fox syllabary of "Joking" text collected by Truman Michelson
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<b>Creator:</b>	Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938 (Collector) Lincoln, Harry
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Page
<b>Language:</b>	Primarily Meskwaki (Fox) with some English.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Fox syllabary of "Joking" text collected by Truman Michelson</a> <a href="#">Image(s): MS 1404 Fox syllabary of "Joking" text collected by Truman Michelson</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Available Formats

Digital surrogates are available online.

### Processing Information

The description of this manuscript was updated in 2024 based on information provided by Dr. Patricia Afable, Research Assistant to the Linguistic Editor of the *Handbook of North American Indians*, and Dr. Lucy Thomason, National Museum of Natural History Museum Technician (linguistics).

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## Scope and Contents

This manuscript is a short text in Meskwaki syllabary, with a partial interlinear English translation, describing a joking interaction between Harry Lincoln and Pâyôhkîh. It is told from Harry Lincoln's point of view and appears to be in Harry Lincoln's handwriting.

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## Local Numbers

NAA MS 1404

## Local Note

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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:

- Fox
- Fox language
- Indians of North America -- Northeast
- Joking
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Meskwaki; Sauk & Fox

### Cultures:

- Fox

### Types of Materials:

- Field notes
- Narratives

### Places:

- Tama (Iowa)