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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Scope and Contents

Items have been tentatively identified and individually cataloged. Subjects include Hewitt, J. N. B.; Cushing, Frank H.; Powell, Johns Wesley; Hemenway, Mrs. August; Sapir, Edward; Hodge, F. W.; Radin, Paul; Kroeber, Alfred; Michelson, Truman; Fewkes, J. W.; Skinner, Alanson; Indian interest groups; Parker, Arthur C.; McGee, W. J. ; Swanton, J. R.; Walcott, Charles D.; Curtis, Charles; Bottineau, J. B.; medicine; Native American Church; religion; U. S. Army; war; Kiowa; Cheyenne; Boas, Franz; physical anthropology; Brown, John Mason; Trumbull, J. H.; Algonquin; astronomy; Thomas, Cyrus; Ten Tribes.

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## Local Numbers

NAA MS 1647

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Names:

Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology -- History

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## Container Listing

Letter to John Wesley Powell, July 2, 1886  
Creator: Cushing, Frank Hamilton, 1857-1900  
Addressee: Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(1)  
Announcing assistance promised by Mrs. August Hemenway.  
Names: Hemenway, August Mrs  
Hemenway Southwestern Archaeological Expedition  
(1886-1894)

Letter to J. N. B. Hewitt, November 20, 1911  
Creator: Sapir, Edward, 1884-1939  
Addressee: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(3)  
Inquiring about the availability of the latter's Iroquois texts and other materials and offering to publish manuscripts prepared by Hewitt.  
Culture: Iroquois  
Indians of North America -- Northeast

Draft memorandum  
Creator: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(5)  
Expressing impressions and conclusions concerning a meeting in regard to a questionable publication by a Dr. R. (Paul Radin) and a defense by Alfred Kroeber.  
Names: Radin, Paul, 1883-1959  
Kroeber, A. L. (Alfred Louis), 1876-1960

Memorandum, August 30, 1894  
Creator: Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(2)  
To Officers and Employees of the Bureau of American Ethnology, explaining policies in regard to publications through journals outside the Smithsonian.  
Names: Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology

Letter to J. N. B. Hewitt  
Creator: Sapir, Edward, 1884-1939  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(4)  
Expressing continued interest in publishing the latter's manuscripts, and discussing F. W. Hodge's actions in regard to Hewitt's and Paul Radin's status with the B.A.E.

Names: Radin, Paul, 1883-1959  
Hodge, Frederick Webb, 1864-1956  
Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology

Material critical of Truman Michelson's work

Collector: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(6)

Including copy of letter. Hewitt to Jesse Walter Fewkes, criticizing "The Ritualistic Origin Myth of the White Buffalo Dance of the Fox Indians", April 19, 1913; a draft of a letter to Alanson Skinner regarding Michelson's review of his Observations on the Ethnology of the Sauk Indiana"; and some notes.

Names: Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938  
Skinner, Alanson, 1886-1925  
Topic: Sauk & Fox  
Meskwaki; Sauk and Fox  
Culture: Fox Indians  
Sauk  
Indians of North America -- Northeast

Letter to J. N. B. Hewitt, July 19, 1920

Creator: Parker, Arthur Caswell, 1881-1955  
Addressee: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(8)

Regarding Hewitt's review of a book by Parker.

Letter to F. W. Hodge

Creator: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(10)

Pointing out errors in a map of Algonquian languages prepared by John R. Swanton and Truman Michelson.

Names: Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938  
Swanton, John Reed, 1873-1958  
Topic: Algonquin  
Culture: Algonquin (Algonkin)  
Indians of North America -- Northeast

Notes, November 4, 1918

Creator: Mooney, James, 1861-1921  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(12)

"Notes, Ind Law--Suggestions--JM" Concern the civil rights of Indians in the army and the reaction of the Kiowas and Cheyennes.

Topic: Federal-Indian relations  
Culture: Kiowa  
Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Partial draft of letter or notes criticizing "reprehensible habits of the class of Indian propagandists" who would "make the Indian too good to be normal"

Creator: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(7)  
Culture: American Indian

Letter to F. W. Hodge, February 25, 1915

Creator: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937  
Hodge, Frederick Webb, 1864-1956

Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(9)

Concerning Alfred Kroeber's criticism of Hewitt and W. J. McGee's failure to include Seri in the Yuman stock.

Names: Kroeber, A. L. (Alfred Louis), 1876-1960  
McGee, W J, 1853-1912

Culture: Seri  
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Letters and notes collected by J.N.B. Hewitt

Collector: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937

Creator: Bottineau, Jno. B. (John B.)  
Hodge, Frederick Webb, 1864-1956  
Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902  
Walcott, Charles D. (Charles Doolittle), 1850-1927

Language: Undetermined.

Notes: NAA MS 1647(11)

Relating to efforts to place Hewitt on a contract basis with the B.A.E. Includes portion of letter probably to F. W. Hodge written after May 14, 1909, presenting Hewitt's case. Also includes comment on Hewitt's work by J. W. Powell, June 9, 1900; Charles D. Walcott to Senator Charles Curtis, January 16, 1911; copy of a letter, W. J. McGee to Hewitt, July 25, 1909; and J. B. Bottineau to Curtis, February 16, 1910.

Names: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937

Notes, February 28, 1891

Collector: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937

Language: Undetermined.

Notes: NAA MS 1647(14)

"Informal notes, for basis of suggested relationships placing the Bureau of Ethnology on a footing assimilated to other Bureaus of the Smithsonian Institution."

Names: Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology

Letter to Franz Boas, May 15, 1897

Creator: Gulick, Luther, the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations

Addressee: Boas, Franz, 1858-1942

Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(16)  
Transmitting and explaining Gymnasium Records forms used by the association.  
Names: Young Men's Christian Association

Draft article  
Creator: Thomas, Cyrus, 1825-1910  
Hodge, Frederick Webb, 1864-1956  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(20)  
Draft of brief article on "Astronomical Ideas" probably intended for the Handbook of American Indians, with a note of general criticism and outline bibliography by F. W. Hodge.  
Culture: American Indians -- Astronomy

Draft letter, June 11, 1891  
Creator: Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(15)  
Outlining his intentions to devote full time to the Bureau of Ethnology.  
Names: Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology

Letter to J. H. Trumbull, November 3, 1887  
Creator: Brown, John Mason, 1837-1890  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(17)  
Concerning the Algonquin word for "to love."  
Culture: Algonquin (Algonkin)

Letter to W. J. McGee, November 8, 1900  
Creator: McKeegan, E., Mrs  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(19)  
Arguing that the American Indians are the lost tribe of Israel.  
Culture: American Indian -- origins

Letter to Henry Wetherbee Henshaw, July 17, 1888  
Creator: United States. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Quinault Agency Agent  
Addressee: Henshaw, Henry W. (Henry Wetherbee), 1850-1930  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(21)  
Advising him about the place and possibilities of assistance in obtaining Hoh and Quileute vocabularies.  
Culture: Hoh  
Quileute

Letter to Bureau of Ethnology, May 16, 1903

Creator: Richey, W. E. (William E.), 1841-  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(23)  
Transmitting copy of his article published in the Topeka Mail and Breeze concerning the Coronado expedition.  
Names: Coronado Expedition, 1540-1542

Manuscript  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(25)  
Concerning the Negro Plot in New York in 1740. Introductory section only.  
Place: New York (N.Y.) -- History -- Conspiracy of 1741  
Culture: Black American

Letter to Franz Boas, December 31, 1908  
Creator: Grinnell, George Bird, 1849-1938  
Addressee: Boas, Franz, 1858-1942  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(22)  
Concerning Grinnell's publication of the account of the Arikara creation myth received from C. L. Hall.  
Names: Hall, Charles Lemon, 1847-1940  
Culture: Sahnish (Arikara)

Report  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(24)  
Concerning Erminnie A. Smith's work during year ending June 30, 1885.  
Names: Smith, Erminnie A. (Erminnie Adele), 1836-1886  
Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology

Letter to Jeremiah Curtin, February 21, 1890  
Creator: Bloch Publishing and Printing Company  
Addressee: Curtin, Jeremiah, 1835-1906  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(27)  
Listing Hebrew books available  
Culture: Hebrew

Manuscripts  
Creator: United States. Department of the Treasury. Auditor  
United States. Postal Department  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(29)  
On completion of contracts with the Post Office Department, September 10, 1836.

Letter to Jeremiah Curtin, February 2, 1889



Creator: Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902  
Addressee: Curtin, Jeremiah, 1835-1906  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(26)  
Instructing him that one hundred dollars had been reserved for the purchase of Hupa handicrafts for the U.S.N.M.  
Names: Smithsonian Institution. United States National Museum  
Culture: Hupa  
Indians of North America -- California

Letter to Jeremiah Curtin, February 2, 1889  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(28)  
Reporting imaginary visitation by apparition at Mesa Verde.  
Topic: Colorado -- Mesa Verde -- supernatural

Letter to Secretary, Smithsonian Institution, September 29, 1890  
Creator: Thomas, Richard  
Addressee: Smithsonian Institution Secretary  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(30)  
Transmitting handwritten manuscript of tale of settlement in America by Madoc and other Welshmen.  
Names: Madoc, Welsh  
Topic: Language and languages -- Documentation  
Culture: Welsh

Letter to F. W. Hodge, March 30, 1901  
Creator: Rathbun, Richard, 1852-1918  
Addressee: Hodge, Frederick Webb, 1864-1956  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(31)  
Informing him of an increase in the Library of Congress's appropriation for exchanges and instructing him to estimate the amount that should be requested for the Exchange Bureau in 1903.  
Names: Smithsonian Institution. Exchange Bureau

Outline  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(33)  
Unidentified outline of categories, presumably for ethnographic descriptions.  
Topic: Ethnology -- description

In reply to an inquiry about Indian remains reporting Brick House, Spring Place, Georgia, the former home of a Cherokee named "Van."  
Creator: Shields, M. W.  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(35)

Names: Van family -- Cherokee  
Topic: Georgia -- Spring Place  
Van House -- Georgia  
Culture: Cherokee

Letter to Commissioner of Indian Affairs, May 14, 1923

Creator: Hawkins, John  
Addressee: United States  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(32)

Asking for census data on American Indians, with acknowledgement of receipt by the Smithsonian 's chief clerk and a reply by Jesse Walter Fewkes incorporating opinions of J. N. B. Hewitt.

Names: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937  
Culture: American Indian -- Census

Letter to the Secretary of the Interior, 1905

Creator: Long, W. W.  
Addressee: United States. Department of the Interior  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(34)

Asking for the delay in allotment of North Carolina Cherokee lands.

Culture: Cherokee

Letter to W. J. McGee, April 30, 1900

Creator: Thomas, Cyrus, 1825-1910  
Addressee: McGee, W J, 1853-1912  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(37)

Asking for information from A. S. Gatschet concerning the Subhina of Central America.

Names: Gatschet, Albert S. (Albert Samuel), 1832-1907  
Culture: Subhina

Letters to W. J. McGee, May 11, 1897; June 10, 1898; April 13, 1903

Creator: Boas, Franz, 1858-1942  
Addressee: McGee, W J, 1853-1912  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(39)

Concerning various matters and including references to John R. Swanton.

Names: Swanton, John Reed, 1873-1958

Drawings and note

Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(41)  
Incompletely identified  
Genre/Form: Drawings

Letter to W. J. McGee, March 10, 1902  
Creator: Thomas, Cyrus, 1825-1910  
Addressee: McGee, W J, 1853-1912  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(36)  
Discussing plans to move to Washington and hopes to continue work.

Draft of review of G. Frederick Wright's Man and the Glacial Period, ca. 1892  
Creator: McGee, W J, 1853-1912  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(38)  
Names: Wright, George Frederick

Letter to Rev. M. A. Shine, August 7, 1912  
Creator: Mooney, James, 1861-1921  
Addressee: Shine, M. A.  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647(42)  
Regarding Oregon Trail Medal and use of Marcus Whitman likeness.  
Names: Whitman, Marcus  
Topic: Oregon Trail Medal

Letter to A. S. Gatschet, February 12, 1901  
Creator: Nuttall, Zelia, 1858-1933  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647 (20)

Letter to W.J. McGee, October 23, 1893  
Creator: Larrabee, W.  
Addressee: McGee, W J, 1853-1912  
Language: Undetermined.  
Notes: NAA MS 1647 (40)