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Guide to MS 1871 Hand-colored
photographs of shield and tipi models

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 1871 Hand-colored photographs of shield and tipi models
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NAA.MS1871
Creator:	Mooney, James, 1861-1921
Extent:	65 Photographs (hand-colored)
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable .
Digital Content:	Image(s): MS 1871 Hand-colored photographs of shield and tipi models
Container:	Box 1
Container:	Box 2
Container:	Box 3

Administrative Information

Related Materials

See also Bureau of American Ethnology MS 1873, MS 1897, MS 2531, and MS 2538; Bureau of American Ethnology negatives (Photolot 176) Numbers 1471-a (1-27); Photographs of Native Americans and other subjects (Photolot 24); and USNM Accession Number 42,431.

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

James Mooney (1861-1921) was a self-taught ethnologist. He was employed by the Bureau of American Ethnology from 1885 until his death. In this capacity, he worked extensively among the Cherokee and Kiowa. Among the Kiowa his studies focused on pictorial calendars, the peyote religion, and heraldry, the term he used to refer to the

designs on shields and painted tipis. In the course of his study of Kiowa and Cheyenne heraldry, he commissioned illustrations of shield and tipi designs, as well as miniature shields and tipis.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of sixty-five (65) hand-colored photographs of Kiowa shields and tipis. The photographs were made by James Mooney to illustrate an article on Kiowa heraldry. The article was not published. Many of the photographs are not captioned; some are marked with the tipi name, and/or the owner's name, and/or USNM catalog numbers.

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Local Numbers

NAA MS 1871

Variant Title

Hand-colored photographs of shield and tipi models for article on Kiowa heraldry

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Kiowa
- Shields
- Tipis

Cultures:

- Kiowa

Types of Materials:

- Photographs
- Works of art

Places:

- North America