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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 1879 Nine Fox legends collected by Truman Michelson
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NAA.MS1879
Creator:	Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938 (Collector) Leaf, Bill Lincoln, Harry Kiyana, Alfred, 1877-1918 Sakihtanohkweha, 1875-1957 Poweshiek, Ida (Translator)
Extent:	25 Items (0.25 linear feet (425 pages))
Language:	In Meskwaki (Fox) and English.
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Administrative Information

Related Materials

See [Manuscript 1875](#) for the other half of the Wîsahkêha story.

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 Afaible, 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).

Citation

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains nine stories by Bill Leaf, Harry Lincoln, Alfred Kiyana, and Sâkihtanohkwêha, handwritten in Meskwaki syllabary, with English translations by Ida Poweshiek. The texts are Bill Leaf's history of Wâpasaya (White Robe); a winter story by Alfred Kiyana whose title can be translated as "When Wîsahkêha fed bees to the wolves;" half of Sâkihtanohkwêha's winter story about the Meskwaki culture hero (Wîsahkêha) (the other half is in Manuscript 1875); a winter story by Harry Lincoln whose title can be translated as "Downy Feather;" a winter story by Alfred Kiyana whose title can be translated as "A man who made a sacred pack;" a winter story by Harry Lincoln about a quarrel between Bear and Rabbit; a winter story by Alfred Kiyana whose title can be translated as "The Indian lead miners of long ago, who had a lead mine;" a winter story by Alfred Kiyana whose title can be translated as "The Indian of long ago who was blessed by an owl;" and a winter story by Alfred Kiyana whose title can be translated as "When Wîsahkêha was almost captured by the manitous." (Truman Michelson referred to Sâkihtanohkwêha as Mrs. Bill Leaf).

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Local Note

Title changed from "8 Legends" 3/19/2014.

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
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Meskwaki; Sauk & Fox
- Wapasaiya

Cultures:

- Fox

Types of Materials:

- Folklore
- Manuscripts
- Narratives