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MS 2018 Hand colored photographs of
drawings from Fort Reno Scout ledger

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 2018 Hand colored photographs of drawings from Fort Reno Scout ledger
Date:	1906
Identifier:	NAA.MS2018
Creator:	Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts. Mooney, James, 1861-1921 (Annotator) Evans, Neal W. (Neal Wiltbank), 1844-1894 (Collector)
Extent:	13 Photographs (hand colored; 12 x 20 cm.-15 x 20 cm.)
Language:	Undetermined .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Hand colored photographs of drawings from Fort Reno Scout ledger

Administrative Information

Provenance

There are 139 drawings in the original manuscript, which Neal W. Evans, the post trader at Fort Reno, collected in 1887. The book measures 12 1/4 x 7 1/2 in., includes the work of several artists, contains some battle images but mostly courting or social scenes, and bears an inscription stating that the drawings were made by the scouts at Fort Reno and the battle images are from the wars of the 1860s. Mooney viewed this book in 1906 when it was in the possession of Neal Evans. For photo of ledger drawing and comparison photo with NAA's see correspondence August 30, 1982 PJF 82-1038.

Citation

Manuscript 2018, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Biographical / Historical

Fort Reno (located near present-day El Reno, Oklahoma) was a military camp established in 1874 to protect the personnel in charge of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Agency in Indian Territory. Besides overseeing the Cheyenne-Arapaho reservation, Fort Reno personnel also assisted with extracting unauthorized settlements on Indian land prior to the 1889 land run and employed many American Indians as scouts. Between 1885 and 1895, Fort Reno employed Indian scouts to assist U.S. Soldiers patrolling reservations in Indian Territory. Many of these scouts also produced a wide variety of drawings. For more information about Fort Reno, see <http://www.fortreno.org/history.htm>. For more information on the Fort Reno Scouts see "Artists in Blue: The Indian Scouts of Fort Reno and Fort Supply" by Candace S. Greene, *American Indian Art Magazine*, Winter 1992: 50-57; and "Washee and the Indian Scouts of Fort Reno: Cheyenne and Arapaho Ledger Art at the End of the Nineteenth Century" by Bates, Kahn and Lanford, *American Indian Art Magazine*, Winter 2001:44-53, 87.

Scope and Contents

Drawings of warfare and courting. Original manuscript captions on drawings include Big Horse, Red Wolf, Bird Chief, Tall Red Bird, and Red Eagle. Photographs have hand-written numbers, apparently referring to pages in the original. One has a note by James Mooney on the reverse; "Cheyenne Pictures from Evans Cheyenne Picture Book 1906."

Local Numbers

NAA MS 2018

Local Note

Photographs of drawings from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

Place

United States Indian Territory Fort Reno.

Place

United States Oklahoma Fort Reno.

Album Information

MS 2018 001

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Indians of North America -- Great Plains
Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Cultures:

Indians of North America -- Great Plains
Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Types of Materials:

Ledger drawings

Container Listing

Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of courting scene, with man and woman wrapped in blanket, 1906

1 Photograph (hand col.; 14 x 20 cm.)

Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.

Notes: NAA INV 11013500

NAA MS 2018

Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

MS 2018 002

Genre/Form: Ledger drawings

Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of two women approaching man on horseback, 1906

1 Photograph (hand col.; 15 x 20 cm.)

Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.

Language: English.

Notes: NAA INV 11013600

NAA MS 2018

Inscribed: "Bird Chief."

Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

MS 2018 003

Genre/Form: Ledger drawings

Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of courting scene, with man wrapping woman in blanket and holding horse's reins, 1906

1 Photograph (hand col.; 13 x 21 cm.)

Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.

Language: English.

Notes: NAA INV 11013700

NAA MS 2018

Inscribed at top: "Red Wolf" and "War-s-tha."

Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

MS 2018 004

Genre/Form: Ledger drawings

Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of courting scene, 1906

1 Photograph (hand col.; 13 x 20 cm.)

Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.
Language: English.
Notes: NAA INV 11013800
NAA MS 2018
Inscribed at top: "Big Horse."
Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.
MS 2018 005
Genre/Form: Ledger drawings
Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of courting scene, with couple outside tipi with quilled ornaments, 1906

1 Photograph (hand col.; 14 x 20 cm.)

Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.
Language: English.
Notes: NAA INV 11013900

NAA MS 2018

Inscribed at top: "Tall Red Bird."

Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

MS 2018 006

Genre/Form: Ledger drawings
Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of man and woman wrapped in blanket, 1906

1 Photograph (hand col.; 14 x 19 cm.)

Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.
Language: Cheyenne.
Notes: NAA INV 11014000

NAA MS 2018

Illegible inscription at top; possibly Cheyenne.

Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

MS 2018 007

Genre/Form: Ledger drawings
Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of man and woman wrapped in blanket, with horse and umbrella, 1906

1 Photograph (hand col.; 13 x 20 cm.)

Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.
Language: English.
Notes: NAA INV 11014100

NAA MS 2018

Inscription at top: "Red Eagle."

Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

MS 2018 008

Genre/Form: Ledger drawings

Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains

[Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of warrior with shield striking enemy, 1906](#)

1 Photograph (hand col.; 12 x 20 cm.)

Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.

Notes: NAA INV 11014200

NAA MS 2018

Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

MS 2018 009

Genre/Form: Ledger drawings

Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains

[Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of warrior with shield striking enemy, 1906](#)

1 Photograph (hand col.; 13 x 19 cm.)

Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.

Notes: NAA INV 11014300

NAA MS 2018

Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

MS 2018 010

Genre/Form: Ledger drawings

Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains

[Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of mounted warrior with shield striking enemy, 1906](#)

1 Photograph (hand col.; 13 x 20 cm.)

Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.

Notes: NAA INV 11014400

NAA MS 2018

Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

MS 2018 011

Genre/Form: Ledger drawings

Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of mounted warrior with shield striking enemy, 1906

1 Photograph (hand col.; 14 x 20 cm.)

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Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.

Annotator: Mooney, James, 1861-1921

Language: English.

Notes: NAA INV 11014500

NAA MS 2018

Inscription on verso in James Mooney's hand: "Cheyenne Pictures from Evans Cheyenne Picture Book 1906." Date refers to when copies were made, not date of original drawings.

Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

MS 2018 012

Genre/Form: Ledger drawings

Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains

[Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of mounted warrior with shield striking enemy, 1906](#)

1 Photograph (hand col.; 14 x 21 cm.)

Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.

Annotator: Mooney, James, 1861-1921

Notes: NAA INV 11014600

NAA MS 2018

Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

MS 2018 013

Genre/Form: Ledger drawings

Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains

[Hand painted photograph of Fort Reno Scout drawing of mounted warrior with shield striking enemy, 1906](#)

1 Photograph (hand col.; 14 x 21 cm.)

Creator: Fort Reno (Okla.) Scouts.

Annotator: Mooney, James, 1861-1921

Notes: NAA INV 11014700

NAA MS 2018

Photograph of drawing from a ledger book, hand-colored in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

MS 2018 014

Genre/Form: Ledger drawings

Culture: Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains