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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 2520 The Ceremonies of the Pawnee
Date:	1921
Identifier:	NAA.MS2520
Creator:	Murie, James R. Wissler, Clark, 1870-1947 (Editor) Weltfish, Gene, 1902-1980 (Translator)
Extent:	2,275 Pages 18 Photographs 27 Sketches
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Available Formats

Master positive (made from original negative in possession of John Champe (2 reels, 2270 frames) and negative duplicate (2 reels, 2270 frames) are on file. Positive made from reel 1 of negative duplicate for purchaser, 3/68, is apparently okay. Pages 404-434 on Microfilm Reel Number 26. Pages 436-541 on Microfilm Reel Number 25.

Available Formats

Microfilm distribution record: 4/54 Negative microfilm made for Dr John Champe, Laboratory of Anthropology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska. 3/58 Negative microfilm made for Dr Gene Weltfish, N. Y. C. 8/66 HRAF representative considering making negative following their specifications and issuing on HRAF microfilm publication program. 3/68, 5/68 Positive made from reel 1 of our file negative (duplicate) for Douglas R. Parks, University of California, Berkeley. Positive made for reel 2 for Parks. 7/68 Positive made from 2 reels of our file negative (duplicate) for Vivian R. Archambault, 1632 Engel Road, Lawrence, Kansas 66044. 5/71 Positive made from 2 reels of our file negative (duplicate) for Yale University Library, New Haven, Connecticut, 06520 (at request of D. Wilk).

Citation

Manuscript 2520, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Scope and Contents

Material arranged and edited by Clark Wissler. [1921.] Phonetic texts revised and translated by Gene Weltfish. [1930-32.] Includes parts of a carbon copy of the typescript, 1 box. 18 photographs, including Pawnee chart of the heavens with 2 page letter of explanation from James R. Murie, Pawnee, Oklahoma, June 24, 1911; 27 sketches by James R. Murie, with notations for the artist, 46 pages; and partial set of photostats of sketches; 1 box.

Local Numbers

NAA MS 2520

Local Note

Manuscript 4243, Catalogue of Bureau of American Ethnology Musical Recordings, includes an entry for "95 records of songs of the White Beaver ceremony, etc...apparently intended to accompany the Manuscript on Ceremonies of the Pawnee." There is no available list of these songs, and the original recordings were presumably sent to the Library of Congress in the 1940's.

Local Note

See also companion paper, Manuscript Number 1788, Helen H. Roberts, "Ceremonial Songs of the Pawnee," No date, 624 pages.

Local Note

History of Manuscript 2520: 8/3/1921. Original Manuscript, ca. 1560 pages, arranged and edited by Clark Wissler, received. 7/11/1930. Portion of Manuscript sent to Dr Gene Weltfish for use in the field by order of Chief of Bureau of American Ethnology. 5/23/1932 Manuscript returned to Bureau of American Ethnology. 4/30/1946 Manuscript mailed to Clark Wissler in response to letter, 4/12/46. Summer, 1946. Two envelopes of Murie Manuscript on Morning Star ceremony found at Columbia University and sent to Bureau of American Ethnology in belief it belonged to Bureau of American Ethnology, and had been borrowed by Dr Boas. Bureau of American Ethnology had no record of such loan; thought Manuscript fragment might belong to AMNH. Fragment forwarded by Bureau of American Ethnology to AMNH to be kept by them if theirs, or returned with main body of Manuscript previously borrowed by Wissler. See correspondence in files under "Murie Ms." especially Bella Weitzner to M. W. Stirling, July 18, 1946. 3/10/1954. All parts of Manuscript here, as enumerated.--MCB

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Astronomy -- Pawnee
- Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
- Language and languages -- Documentation

Cultures:

- Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)

Types of Materials:

- Drawings
- Photographs

Container Listing

Star Chart
Creator: Murie, James R.
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA INV 9995000
Pawnee chart of the heavens with 2 page letter of explanation from James R. Murie, Pawnee, Okla., June 24, 1911.
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Star Chart
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA Ms 2520
Ms. 2520, 09995100
Pawnee chart of the heavens with 2 page letter of explanation from James R. Murie, Pawnee, Okla., June 24, 1911.
Photograph mounted on cardboard has numbers in red to indicate Indian names for stars corresponding to numbers on separate page
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains