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MS 2569 Modoc myths, tales and words,  
collected in Oklahoma and California

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	MS 2569 Modoc myths, tales and words, collected in Oklahoma and California
<b>Date:</b>	1885, 1888
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.MS2569
<b>Creator:</b>	Curtin, Jeremiah, 1835-1906 Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937 (Annotator)
<b>Extent:</b>	.63 Linear feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	Multiple languages .

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

Manuscript 2569, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

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## Scope and Contents

According to note by Hewitt, many of these were published by Curtin or Mrs. Curtin. The material is not systematically arranged, and the unpublished material, if any, has not been identified as such. In 1959 two items, "Book 10, last book of stories in Modoc" (42 pages), and a myth, "The Bat" (2 pages), were added to this file from file Number 3538-- a miscellaneous collection of papers found in Hewitt's office in 1937; possibly these two items include unpublished material.

Title information from note by J.N.B. Hewitt.

Information from Don Hann, District Archaeologist, Bear Valley Ranger District, Malheur National Forest, 528 East Main Street, John Day, Oregon, 97845. November 29, 1992. Bureau of American Ethnology manuscripts #1299 and #2569 contain 2-330 pages of material (mostly myths) gathered from the Wintu and Losa (sp ?) Indians. I saw no indication that anyone knows that these documents contain anything but Modoc material. The Wintu are from Northern California but I've never heard of the Losa. Unfortunately these documents are very disorganized and I don't know which manuscript the material came from.

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## Local Numbers

NAA MS 2569

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Folklore -- Modoc
- Indians of North America -- California
- Indians of North America -- Plateau
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Losa ?
- Modoc
- Wintu

### Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- California
- Indians of North America -- Plateau
- Losa ?
- Modoc
- Wintu