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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 269 Fifteen untitled Karok stories
Date:	May, 1889
Identifier:	NAA.MS269
Creator:	Curtin, Jeremiah, 1835-1906
Extent:	197 Pages
Language:	Materials primarily in English with some Karuk (Karok).
Digital Content:	Image(s): Fifteen untitled Karok stories Image(s): MS 269 Fifteen untitled Karok stories

Administrative Information

Citation

Manuscript 269, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Scope and Contents

Fourteen stories have original in Curtin's hand (difficult to read), plus a typed copy; one story has typed copy only. Typed material totals 56 pages.

Local Numbers

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Local Note

These stories had been catalogued for many years as Wintun myths recorded by Powell, and are so described in Harvey Pitkin's Wintun bibliography, *International Journal of American Linguistics*, Volume 28, Number 1, 1962, page 47, item 48. I recognised in 1960 that the myths were in Curtin's writing, and indicated this on the microfilm copy sent to the University of California, Berkeley, April, 1960. However, in 1966 I noticed that the names of the Karok towns of Katimin and Panomnik (Panamenik), the Karok term for Coyote (piqnefitc) and the word Karok, appear throughout the stories, and consequently recatalogued the manuscripts as Karok at that time --MCB.

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 -- California
- Karok language
- Karuk (Karok)
- Language and languages -- Documentation

Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- California
- Karuk (Karok)

Types of Materials:

- Folklore