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Guide to the Midewiwin Society drawing

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Midewiwin Society drawing
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NAA.MS278098
Creator:	Unknown (Artist)
Extent:	1 Drawings (visual works) (graphite and ink on paper, laminated; 5.75 x 16.75 inches)
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable .
Container:	Box 278098

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Purchased from Frances Densmore, Red Wing, Minnesota, temporarily at the Bureau of American Ethnology, June 9, 1913.

Transferred from the object collections of the Department of Anthropology to the National Anthropological Archives, August 1969.

Preferred Citation

Midewiwin Society drawing (MS 278098), National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Historical Note

Midewiwin, or Grand Medicine Society, is a spiritual society found historically among the Algonquian of the Upper Great Lakes (Anishinaabe), northern prairies and eastern subarctic. Once widespread, the Midewiwin became less prevalent after the arrival of Europeans in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of a Midewiwin Society drawing with animal and abstract designs. One side of the drawing represents the path of life.

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Local Numbers

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Variant Title

Mide Record, one side said to represent the path of life

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Anishinaabe (Chippewa/Ojibwa)
Midéwiwin

Cultures:

Anishinaabe (Chippewa/Ojibwa)

Types of Materials:

Drawings
Works of art