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Guide to the Symbol account books

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b>      | National Anthropological Archives                           |
| <b>Title:</b>           | Symbol account books  |
| <b>Date:</b>            | undated   |
| <b>Identifier:</b>      | NAA.MS316703  |
| <b>Extent:</b>          | 2 Books (leather-bound; 3.75 x 6 inches)                    |
| <b>Language:</b>        | English .   |
| <b>Digital Content:</b> | <a href="#">Image(s): Symbol account books</a>              |
| <b>Container:</b>       | Box 316702/316703, Item 1-2;<br>Box 316702/316703, Item 1-2 |

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The account books were part of an Alaskan ethnological and geological collection made by Rev. Sheldon Jackson. The Bureau of American Ethnology purchased the collection from Jackson's daughter, (Elizabeth) Lesley Jackson, in July 1921. The collection was transferred to the United States National Museum (Accession Number 66880). The drawings were transferred to the National Anthropological Archives in 1969.

### Related Materials

Other Sheldon Jackson materials purchased by the Bureau of American Ethnology are held by the National Anthropological Archives in MS 316702 and by the Department of Anthropology object collections (Accession 66880).

### Preferred Citation

Symbol account books, 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.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of two small leather-bound account books filled with various words and symbols.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution or National Anthropological Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

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## Local Numbers

NAA MS 316703

USNM Accession 66880

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Alaskan Eskimo

### Cultures:

Alaskan Eskimo

### Types of Materials:

Pictographs

### Places:

Alaska  
North America