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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 3218 Narrative of Coyote, a Southern Cheyenne man, collected by Truman Michelson
Date:	1931 Summer
Identifier:	NAA.MS3218
Creator:	Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938 Coyote, circa 1859- Haag, Mack
Extent:	127 Pages
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Digital Content: Narrative of Coyote, a Southern Cheyenne man, collected by Truman Michelson Image(s): Narrative of Coyote, a Southern Cheyenne man, collected by Truman Michelson

Administrative Information

Available Formats

Negative microfilm on file.

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Digital surrogates are available online.

Citation

Manuscript 3218, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Scope and Contents

Narrative of Coyote, a 72 year old Southern Cheyenne man, handwritten in English by Truman Michelson and Mack Haag, also a Southern Cheyenne. The text includes a recounting of the history of the Cheyenne and stories from Coyote's life. Topics include skirmishes with U.S. soldiers, the construction of tipis, hunting, relations between men and women, and his observations of a Sioux Sun Dance at a Brule camp. Although the Bureau of American Ethnology catalog card indicates that this text was collected at the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana, it is likely incorrect. The notes are dated June, during which time Michelson was in Oklahoma working with the Southern Cheyenne (Explorations and field work of the Smithsonian Institution, 1932).

Local Numbers

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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:

- Adultery
- Cheyenne Indians -- History
- Hunting
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Manners and customs
- Marriage
- Rites and ceremonies
- Sicangu Lakota (Brulé Sioux)
- Sun Dance
- Tipis
- Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Sicangu Lakota (Brulé Sioux)
- Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Types of Materials:

- Autobiographies
- Manuscripts
- Narratives