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of the Navajos; Lorenzo [?] and Jesus, Interpreters

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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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Negative microfilm on file.

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## Biographical / Historical

W. B. Truax became U. S. Indian Agent at Moquis Pueblo in 1875. His Report to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, (Washington, 1875, pages 211-212), dated Moquis Pueblo Indian Agency, August 31, 1875, states that this is his first annual report from that Agency and that he had arrived there "only about a month ago." No reference to Truax has been found in the Annual Reports of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the preceding years which would explain his status at the time the conversations with Manuelito took place.

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## Scope and Contents

Consists of questions and answers on Navaho origin myth and other legends and customs.

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## Local Numbers

NAA MS 3247

## Local Note

Old catalog card gives John W. Powell as collector. Author presumed to be W. B. Truax because of pencil note, "Truax Manuscripts," and orange crayon note in hand of J. C. Pilling, "Navaho superstitions, beliefs, &c, Truax," both on cover page.

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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:

- Diné (Navajo)
- Folklore -- Navaho
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
- Navaho

### Cultures:

- Diné (Navajo)
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New