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by Truman Michelson at Great Whale River

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 3396 Eskimo and Cree notes and texts collected by Truman Michelson at Great Whale River
Identifier:	NAA.MS3396
Date:	1935 summer
Creator:	Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938 (Collector) Masty, David
Extent:	2 Notebooks
Language:	In East Cree, Inuktitut, and English.
Digital Content:	Digital Content: Eskimo and Cree notes and texts collected by Truman Michelson at Great Whale River Digital Content: Eskimo and Cree notes and texts collected by Truman Michelson at Great Whale River Image(s): Eskimo and Cree notes and texts collected by Truman Michelson at Great Whale River

Administrative Information

Other Archival Materials

See MS 3393 for the original Inuit text of Cookie's story.

Available Formats

Digital surrogates are available online.

Citation

Manuscript 3396, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Scope and Contents

Handwritten texts and linguistic and ethnological notes from Truman Michelson's 1935 research among the Cree and Inuit at Great Whale River in Quebec, Canada. Among the people that Michelson worked with were David Masty and Thomas, speakers of Great Whale Cree; Rhoderick, a speaker of Rupert House Cree; and Cookie and Harrold, speakers of Great Whale River Inuit. The texts include stories by Masty in Cree syllabary with English translations by Rhoderick. Also present is an English translation by Harrold of Cookie's Inuit syllabic text in Manuscript 3393. The notes largely focus on the vocabulary and kinship systems of the Cree and Inuit of Great Whale River. There are also Rupert House Cree vocabulary as well as notes on the Cree and Inuit in neighboring areas at Hudson Bay and James Bay.

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Local Note

Title changed from "Eskimo tales and vocabulary; some Indian tales; ethnology; kinship system summer of 1935" 6/3/2014.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Arctic peoples
- Cree
- Cree language
- Eskimo languages
- Eskimos
- Ethnologies
- Indians of North America -- Subarctic
- Inuit
- Inuit language
- Kinship
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Linguistics

Cultures:

- Arctic peoples
- Cree
- Eskimos
- Indians of North America -- Subarctic
- Inuit

Types of Materials:

- Field notes
- Folklore
- Manuscripts
- Narratives
- Vocabulary

Places:

- Great Whale River (Québec)
- Hudson Bay
- James Bay (Nunavut)