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MS 3462 Cherokee drawings of plants

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 3462 Cherokee drawings of plants
Date:	1899
Identifier:	NAA.MS3462
Creator:	Mooney, James, 1861-1921 (Collector)
Extent:	2 Sheets (8 x 12 1/2 inches) 1 Item (notebook (49 pages ; 4 x 8 inches)
Language:	Cherokee syllabary
Digital Content:	Image(s): Cherokee drawings of plants

Administrative Information

Citation

Manuscript 3462, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Scope and Contents

Two sheets with pencil drawings of 35 plants, each accompanied by a legend in the Cherokee syllabary. Also small black notebook containing miscellaneous notes on Cherokee, etc, and a list of Choctaw clans. Pages 1-4 are headed, "Hawanita's Plant Pictures" with 35 plant names, probably corresponding to the drawings. The remainder of the notebook covers: miscellaneous notes, including stories by Cherokee informants (6 pages); vocabulary and notes relating to disease (17 pages); circular burial diagram and notes (1 page); "Cherokee Nation Index," which gives page references to some other publication or manuscript. Papers of Chas. Buttrick, Jr. (3 pages); "Adair", notes (2 pages); transcripts of letters, in Mooney's shorthand (3 pages); miscellaneous notes (1 page); "Chey (?) Race Story" (2 pages); "Locations Cherokee" (2 pages); names and addresses of informants; notes on Choctaw and adjacent tribes, including list of Choctaw Clans (7 pages); and Cherokee informants (1 page).

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Local Note

The notebook was digitized to reflect the order of the writing in the original notebook. It is currently displayed in that same order. It starts from front cover towards middle, then back cover towards middle. This ordering will facilitate in the reading of the manuscript. Listed before the notebook are two loose drawings of plants.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Burial
- Cherokee
- Choctaw
- Ethnobotany -- Cherokee
- Indians of North America -- Southern States
- Kinship -- Choctaw
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Medicine

Cultures:

- Cherokee
- Choctaw
- Indians of North America -- Southern States

Types of Materials:

- Drawings
- Field notes