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MS 3535 Wintun stories

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Collection Overview

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Title:	MS 3535 Wintun stories
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Scope and Contents

In handwriting of a scribe. Contents: "Tirumenasa and The daughters of Tsararokkiemila." 17 pages. Places: Pitt River. "Berit loses the Daughter of Taretkiemila and his own hair by dreaming of Kahit." 6 pages. Places: Mt. Shasta. "The Journey of Sedit and Poharamasherit to the land of Puidalladekiemila. 30 pages. Places: Pitt River, Lassen Butte. "Death of Suptcit and Resurrection of the Nompatits by Winispukic." 10 pages. Places: Sacramento River. "Sedit buys three barks of Nohlospatkilis." 8 pages. Place: Stillwater. "Sulaloimis at Nelwakut." 16 pages. Places: Sacramento River, Anderson. "Sedit and Kalihuri at Dekesnorton." 10 pages. Places: Sacramento River. "Tsileuherit and the Tcitiwirik Sisters." 10 pages. Places: Sacramento River, Lassens Butte. ""Kuril splits himself and becomes the Man and Woman Kukipiwit." 7 pages. Places: Redding, Rockbridge (near Shasta City). "Memtulitkiemila and Tsuratkiemila on Puimem." 9 pages. Places: Pitt River. "Pitisherit and Klakherit." 26 pages. "The Birth of Walokitila and Tumukitila." 19 pages. Places: List of geographic locations with this myth gives "Wintun name" and translation. "The visit of Puipawinmak and Tsikipatharamas to their brother Topiwaikalalti in the land of Topitcikiemila. 23 pages. Places: Sacramento River, Redding, Pitt River, McCloud River, places near Anderson, and Shasta City, Stillwater.

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"Hlutcustcinaila and Nopyarhpak's daughters." 27 pages. Places: McCloud River. Sedit "wolf" (coyote) in Wintun.--Curtin, Wintun vocabulary. Manuscript #841, recorded 1888-1889, Shasta County, California.

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Local Note

These myths have been catalogued for many years as "California myths" on the basis of place-names, but have not been more specifically identified. However, three stories mention Sedit, "wolf" (or "Coyote") in Wintun (see Curtin, Manuscript Number 841, Wintun vocabulary recorded 1888-89, Shasta County, California); and one story gives the "Wintun name" in a list of geographic locations. Presumably all of the stories are Wintun.--MCB, 5/66

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