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Guide to Roan Eagle book of drawings, circa 1880

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Roan Eagle book of drawings
Date:	circa 1880
Identifier:	NAA.MS387048
Creator:	Roan Eagle, 1863- McGillycuddy, Valentine, 1849-1939 (Collector)
Extent:	1 Volume (notebook containing 33 drawings on leaves and inside covers; graphite, colored pencil, ink, and watercolor; 4 x 6 x .5 inches)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Roan Eagle book of drawings
Container:	Box 387048

Administrative Information

Provenance

The book was collected by Dr. V.T. McGillycuddy, presumably on the Pine Ridge Reservation in the 1880s. Received from Mrs. Julia B. McGillycuddy, July 11, 1949. Transferred from the object collections of the Department of Anthropology to the National Anthropological Archives in August 1969.

Preferred Citation

Roan Eagle book of drawings (MS 387048), National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use

Biographical Note

Dr. V.T. McGillycuddy identified himself in a 1932 letter to the BAE as having served as attending surgeon with the US Army in the field during the Indian campaigns 1876-78, and as Indian Agent in charge of Red Cloud's Sioux from 1879 to 1886. In later years, he was president of the South Dakota Society of California and maintained correspondence with the BAE regarding his Indian experiences.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of a small bound pocket notebook with pages of ruled paper containing 33 drawings. The drawings depict scenes of individual warriors, courting, hunting, various animals, and a dance. An inscription on flyleaf reads: "By our special artist Roan Eagle." The covers were repaired with cloth tape.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution or National Anthropological Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

Local Numbers

NAA MS 387048

USNM Accession 183373

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Lakota (Teton/Western Sioux)

Cultures:

Lakota (Teton/Western Sioux)

Types of Materials:

Drawings
Ledger drawings
Works of art

Places:

North America

Container Listing

Two horses
1 Drawings (visual works) (graphite and ink)
[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of two horses](#)
Notes: NAA INV 08528101
MS 387,048 002

Inscription

Row of men dancing
1 Drawings (visual works) (2 leaves; colored pencil, ink, and graphite)
[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of row of men dancing](#)
[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of row of men dancing](#)
Notes: NAA INV 08528102
NAA INV 08528103
MS 387,048 003
OPPS NEG 94-1968

Row of standing male and female figures dressed in finery, some with face paint
1 Drawings (visual works) (2 leaves; colored pencil, ink, and graphite)
[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of row of standing male and female figures dressed in finery, some with face paint](#)
[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of row of standing male and female figures dressed in finery, some with face paint](#)
Notes: NAA INV 08528104
NAA INV 08528105
NAA MS 387,048 004
OPPS NEG 91-19225

Group of bison with calf
1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)
[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of group of bison with calf](#)
Notes: NAA INV 08528106
NAA MS 387,048 005

Hunting scene, with men on horseback with rifles pursuing bison
1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)
[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of hunting scene, with men on horseback with rifles pursuing bison](#)
Notes: NAA INV 08528107
NAA MS 387,048 006
OPPS NEG 91-19224

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet and banner lance

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet and banner lance](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528108

NAA MS 387,048 007

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet and fur-wrapped lance

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet and fur-wrapped lance](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528109

NAA MS 387,048 008

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet and lance or staff

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet and lance or staff](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528110

NAA MS 387,048 009

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet and lance or staff

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet and lance or staff](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528111

NAA MS 387,048 010

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet and lance or staff

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet and lance or staff](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528112

NAA MS 387,048 011

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet and lance or staff

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet and lance or staff](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528113

NAA MS 387,048 012

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet, crooked lance, and shield

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet, crooked lance, and shield](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528114

NAA MS 387,048 13

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet and lance or staff

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet and lance or staff](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528115

NAA MS 387,048 014

Warrior on horseback with saber and horned feather war bonnet

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with saber and horned feather warbonnet](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528116

NAA MS 387,048 015

Warrior with full feather war bonnet and crooked lance

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of warrior with full feather warbonnet and crooked lance](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528117

NAA MS 387,048 016

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet and lance or staff

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet and lance or staff](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528118

NAA MS 387,048 017

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet and lance or staff

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet and lance or staff](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528119

NAA MS 387,048 018

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet, lance, and shield

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet, lance, and shield](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528120

NAA MS 387,048 019

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet and fur-wrapped lance

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet and fur-wrapped lance](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528121

NAA MS 387,048 020

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet and lance or staff

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet and lance or staff](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528122

NAA MS 387,048 021

Warrior on horseback with full feather war bonnet and crooked lance

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of warrior on horseback with full feather warbonnet and crooked lance](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528123

NAA MS 387,048 022

MS 387,048 022

Two courting couples, with men with blankets over their heads and one woman wearing a Navajo blanket

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of two courting couples, with men with blankets over their heads and one woman wearing a Navajo blanket](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528124

NAA MS 387,048 023

Courting scene, with five men and one woman wearing a Navajo blanket

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of courting scene, with five men and one woman wearing a Navajo blanket](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528125

NAA MS 387,048 024

Inscription in lower left corner reads: "Corts[hip?]."

Two women wearing Navajo blankets, one with a baby on her back, and man on horseback

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of two women wearing Navajo blankets, one with a baby on her back, and man on horseback](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528126

NAA MS 387,048 025

Courting couple wrapped together in a blanket, with horse nearby

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of courting couple wrapped together in a blanket, with horse nearby](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528127

NAA MS 387,048 026

Inscription at bottom of page reads: "Marriage."

Courting scene, with man with blanket over head, woman wearing Navajo blanket, and horse nearby

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of courting scene, with man with blanket over head, woman wearing Navajo blanket, and horse nearby](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528128

NAA MS 387,048 027

Courting scene, man and woman with horse nearby

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of courting scene, man and woman with horse nearby](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528129

NAA MS 387,048 028

Two bull elk

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of two bull elk](#)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of two bull elk](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528130

NAA MS 38,7048 029

Non-English inscription on verso reads: "otopopila[?]".

Hunting scene, with man dismounted from horse firing at bison

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of hunting scene, with man dismounted from horse firing at bison](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528131

NAA MS 387,048 030

Male and female pronghorn antelope with calf

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of male and female pronghorn antelope with calf](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528132

NAA MS 387,048 031

Four mountain sheep

1 Drawings (visual works) (colored pencil, ink, and graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of four mountain sheep](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528133

NAA MS 387048 032

Two deer

1 Drawings (visual works) (graphite)

[Image\(s\): Roan Eagle drawing of two deer](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528134

NAA MS 387,048 033

Two dogs

1 Drawings (visual works) (graphite)

Image(s): [Roan Eagle drawing of two dogs](#)

Notes: NAA INV 08528135

NAA MS 387,048 034