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Guide to MS 3984 Tracings of Mexican and Northwest Coast designs

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 3984 Tracings of Mexican and Northwest Coast designs
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NAA.MS3984
Extent:	22 Drawings (visual works) (ink and watercolor; 6 x 9 inches; 8 x 11 inches)
Language:	Spanish; Castilian .
Digital Content:	Image(s): MS 3984 Tracings of Mexican and Northwest Coast designs
Container:	Box 3957 / 3984 / 3987, Folder 2; Box 3957 / 3984 / 3987, Folder 2

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The provenance of the collection is unknown. There is no accession information.

Preferred Citation

MS 3984 Tracings of Mexican and Northwest Coast designs, 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.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of tracings from various sources, presumably used for a comparative study of designs. The tracings are from *Relación del viage hecho por las goletas Sutil y Mexicana en el año de 1792 para reconocer el Estrecho de Fuca*, the *Codex Mendoza*, and other sources. There is also a watercolor sketch of a headdress with frontlet (see Department of Anthropology object collections, E2663-0, Accession 66A00050).

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 As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today.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 3984

Variant Title

Tracings from codices, used for similarity of design

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aztec (archaeological culture)
- Northwest Coast

Cultures:

- Aztec (archaeological culture)
- Northwest Coast

Types of Materials:

- Drawings
- Tracings
- Works of art

Places:

- Mexico
- North America
- Northwest Coast of North America