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Guide to MS 3992-b Drawings of Iroquois myths and festivals

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 3992-b Drawings of Iroquois myths and festivals
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NAA.MS3992B
Extent:	6 Drawings (visual works) (ink, pencil, and colored pencil, laminated)
Language:	English .
Container:	Box 3992B

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The provenance of the collection is unknown. No accession information is available.

Preferred Citation

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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 six (6) Iroquois, possibly Seneca, drawings by an unknown artist of myths and festivals. The drawings have been captioned by J.N.B. Hewitt and William N. Fenton.

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 As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today.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 3992-B

Variant Title

Previously titled "Iroquois myths and festivals."

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Seneca

Cultures:

Seneca

Types of Materials:

Drawings

Works of art

Places:

North America

Container Listing

[Mythological figure with legs only, and four warrior figures](#)

1 Drawings (visual works) (12.75 x 8.25 inches)

Notes: NAA INV 08662200

Captioned by J.N.B Hewitt: Daimon of Lechery

Captioned by W.N. Fenton: Iroquois folk-being called "Legs"

[White dog sacrifice](#)

1 Drawings (visual works) (11.5 x 9 inches)

Notes: NAA INV 08662300

Captioned by W.N. Fenton: White Dog Sacrifice

[Herald of Midwinter Festival walking on path to longhouse](#)

1 Drawings (visual works) (11.5 x 9 inches)

Notes: NAA INV 08662400

Captioned by W.N. Fenton: Herald of Midwinter Festival walking on path to Longhouse

[The good hunter and council of mystic animals or animal-helpers](#)

1 Drawings (visual works) (12.75 x 8 inches)

Notes: NAA INV 08662500

Captioned by W.N. Fenton: The good hunter and council of mystic animals or animal-helpers: Origin Legend of Little Water Society

[Dance of ghosts in spirit-land](#)

1 Drawings (visual works) (12.5 x 8.25 inches)

Notes: NAA INV 08662600

Captioned by J.N.B. Hewitt: Dance of Ghosts in Spirit-Land

Captioned by W.N. Fenton: Dead Feast of Ohgiwe

[Indians making oblations to the moon-goddess](#)

1 Drawings (visual works) (12.75 x 8.25 inches)

Notes: NAA INV 08662700

Captioned by J.N.B. Hewitt: Indians Making Oblations to the Moon-goddess