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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	MS 4154 "First Series" of Koasati texts
<b>Date:</b>	1912-1920 ?
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<b>Creator:</b>	Swanton, John Reed, 1873-1958 Thompson, Charlie (Informant) Henry, George (Informant)
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## Administrative Information

### Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Swanton began working with the Koasati in Polk County, Texas in 1912, according to Bureau of American Ethnology-AR 34, page 13. The terminal date for this file is given as 1920 since the typescripts of stories I-XXII were received in Bureau of American Ethnology Archives in 1920.

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## Biographical / Historical

Informants: Charlie Thompson, "later chief of the Alabama Indians in Texas," "who thought he knew Koasati" reviewed afterwards by Swanton with Jackson Langley of Kinder, Louisiana, and Langley's corrections added.

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## Scope and Contents

With interlinear English translation. Contents: Note by Swanton about informants. Autograph document. 1 page. Stories I-XXII (no story XV). Autograph document. 149 pages. (numbered 1-59, 52-134). Photostats of Autograph Document of stories IV-XIII and XVI-XXII, made before they were corrected by Jackson Langley. 62 sheets (2 pages photostated per sheet). (Photostats are poor quality and cannot be recopied.) (Formerly in Manuscript 1801.) Stories I-XXII (no story XV). Typescript Document with A. interlinear English translation. 63 pages. Received in Bureau of American Ethnology Archives from Swanton in 1920. (Formerly in Manuscript 1816.) Story XIV with short vocabulary from George Henry. (This vocabulary, which is in the original Autograph document is not included in the above

typescript.) Typescript Document. 2 pages. (Formerly in Manuscript 1801.) Stories I-III. Typescript Document. 7 pages. (Formerly in Manuscript 1801.)

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autograph and typescript document

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Coushatta (Koasati)
- Indians of North America -- Southern states
- Language and languages -- Documentation

### Cultures:

- Coushatta (Koasati)