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Collection Overview

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Container Listing

"War Effort Memorandum Number 1"

Creator: Smithsonian Institution
Roberts, Frank H. H. (Frank Harold Hanna), 1897-1966
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(1)
Includes a reply by Frank H. H. Roberts, Jr. ca. April 4, 1942.
Topic: World War, 1939-1945

Clipping from Congressional Record, May 11, 1933

Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(2)
Regarding House discussion and rejection of a proposal for
50,000 for Smithsonian research in ethnology.
Names: United States. House of Representatives
Smithsonian Institution -- Ethnology

Correspondence concerning the future of the BAE, Jan-Feb, 1956

Creator: Kroeber, A. L. (Alfred Louis), 1876-1960
Carmichael, Leonard, 1898-1973
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(4)
Names: Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology

Letters to Augustus Hemenway, November 30, 1896

Creator: Fewkes, Jesse Walter, 1850-1930
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(5)
Regarding accusations of fraud against Frank Hamilton
Cushing
Names: Cushing, Frank Hamilton, 1857-1900
Smithsonian Institution -- Ethnology

Memorandum to BAE employees concerning office records and absence from the office, September 30, 1893

Creator: McGee, W J, 1853-1912
Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(7)

Anthropologic Scraps, 1919;1921

2 Items (issues)
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(8)
Including articles on Pleistocene man in America and criticisms
of Alěš Hrdlička.
Names: Hrdlička, Alěš, 1869-1943

Letter to J. W. Fewkes, April - May 1918

Creator: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937
Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938

Language: Undetermined.

Notes: NAA MS 4372(6)

Concerning Hewitt's criticism of Michelson's "The Ritualistic
Origin Myth of the White Buffalo Dance of the Fox Indians."

Topic: Meskwaki; Sauk and Fox

Culture: Fox Indians

Indians of North America -- Northeast

"Dr. Edgar L. Hewett and the Pueblo Indians," two printed letters

Creator: Collier, John, 1884-1968
Elkus, Charles De Y.

Language: Undetermined.

Notes: NAA MS 4372(8)

Rebutting "personal attacks,"

Names: Hewett, Edgar L. (Edgar Lee), 1865-1946

Correspondence among BAE staff, December 1920

Creator: Fewkes, Jesse Walter, 1850-1930
Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938
Swanton, John Reed, 1873-1958
Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937

Language: Undetermined.

Notes: NAA MS 4372(9)

Concerning efforts to draft a letter to Franz Boas concerning
errors in "Ethnology of the Kwakiutl."

Names: Boas, Franz, 1858-1942

Topic: Kwakiutl (Kwakwaka'wakw)

Culture: Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwakiutl)

Indians of North America -- Northwest Coast of North America

Letter to Paul H. McCready, Assistant Secretary, Kiwanis Club International,
April 25, 1923

Creator: Fewkes, Jesse Walter, 1850-1930

Language: Undetermined.

Notes: NAA MS 4372 (11)

Item

Regarding the meaning of the name "Kiwanis."

Names: Kiwanis Club International

Topic: "Kiwanis"

Letter, October 3, 1928

Creator: Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938

Language: Undetermined.

Notes: NAA MS 4372(13)

Expressing a desire for a position with a University.

J.N.B. Hewitt letters and other material, December 1919

Creator: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937
Bushnell, David I., Jr. (David Ives), 1875-1941
Harrington, John Peabody, 1884-1961
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(10)
Concerning the abolishment of Franz Boas's position of
Honorary Philologist with the BAE.

Anthropological satire in letters and papers, 1889-1955
Creator: Stirling, Matthew Williams, 1896-1975
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(12)
Topic: Anthropology -- Humor

Letter to Lena F. Barnard concerning data collected by Truman Michelson
from George W. Finley, March 13, 1933
Creator: Stirling, Matthew Williams, 1896-1975
Addressee: Barnard, Lena F.
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(14)
Names: Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938
Finley, George W.

Letter to Matthew W. Stirling, January 3, 1955
Addressee: Stirling, Matthew Williams, 1896-1975
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(15)
Item
Includes a story about John Wesley Powell
Names: Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902
Topic: Language and languages -- Documentation

Letter, September 18, 1897
Creator: Tooker, William Wallace
Addressee: McGee, W J, 1853-1912
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(16)
Regarding Paleolithic man at Trenton, New Jersey, and James
Mooney's study of the Dakota Indians.
Names: Mooney, James, 1861-1921
Place: Trenton -- New Jersey -- Archeology -- Early man

Letter to WJ McGee, April 6, 1903
Creator: Boas, Franz, 1858-1942
Addressee: McGee, W J, 1853-1912
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(16)
Regarding reorganization or founding of an anthropological
society.
Names: American Anthropological Association

Topic: Anthropology -- History

Letter to WJ McGee, June 3, 1899

Creator: Boas, Franz, 1858-1942
Addressee: McGee, W J, 1853-1912
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(6)

Requesting assistance in finding employment for the son of a friend.

Letter to WJ McGee, January 1, 1897

Creator: Boas, Franz, 1858-1942
Addressee: McGee, W J, 1853-1912
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(16)

Item

Regarding estrangement between Frank H. Cushing and Jesse Walter Fewkes.

Names: Fewkes, Jesse Walter, 1850-1930
Cushing, Frank Hamilton, 1857-1900

Letter, January 19, 1902

Creator: Peabody, Lucy E.
Addressee: McGee, W J, 1853-1912
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(16)

Regarding the Preservation of Antiquities Act.

Letter to United States Express Company

Creator: McGee, W J, 1853-1912
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(16)

Requesting them to send gold to Pascual Encinas, Hermosilla, Mexico.

Letter, November 16, 1900

Creator: Boas, Franz, 1858-1942
Dinwiddie, William, 1867-1934
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(16)

Names: Cushing, Frank Hamilton, 1857-1900

Letter, April 4, 1900

Creator: Page, Walter H.
Addressee: McGee, W J, 1853-1912
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(16)

Regarding changes in the National Geographic Magazine.

Names: National Geographic Society (U.S.)

Photographs

Creator: ANONYMOUS
Stevenson, Matilda Coxe, 1850-1915
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(17)
Showing shell painting involved in fraud allegedly perpetuated
by Frank H. Cushing, some with notes by Matilda Coxe
Stevenson.
Names: Cushing, Frank Hamilton, 1857-1900

Mimeographed letter to Senator Elmer Thomas, July 1, 1943
Creator: Collier, John, 1884-1968
Ickes, Harold L. (Harold LeClair), 1874-1952
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(19)
Transmitting "The June 11 Report of the Senate Sub-
Committee on Indian Investigation: A Statement by
Commissioner John Collier of the United States Indian Service,
"June 30, 1943 and mimeographed letter of Harold L. Ickes to
Thomas regarding the subcommittee report, July 6, 1943.
Names: United States. Senate Subcommittee on Indian Investigation
Topic: Federal-Indian relations

Letter from Reuben Gold Thwaites, October 1897
Creator: Thwaites, Reuben Gold, 1853-1913
Blair, E. Helen
Boas, Franz, 1858-1942
Brinton, Daniel G. (Daniel Garrison), 1837-1899
Addressee: Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372(18)
Regarding the meaning of a passage in the Jesuit Relations
about a Huron myth.
Culture: Wendat (Huron)
Indians of North America -- Northeast
Wyandot

Letter to W. J. McGee, March 24, 1902
Creator: Boas, Franz, 1858-1942
Addressee: McGee, W J, 1853-1912
Language: Undetermined.
Notes: NAA MS 4372 (16)
item
Concerns preparation of the 1902 program of the International
Congress of Americanists.
Names: International Congress of Americanists, 1902