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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. Congress. House  
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, Aleš, 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  
Indians of North America -- Northeast  
Culture: Fox

"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: 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)  
Wyandot  
Topic: Indians of North America -- Northeast

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