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Photographs of R. O. Sweeny
Drawings of Dakota Indians

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Photographs of R. O. Sweeny Drawings of Dakota Indians
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Creator:	Sweeny, Robert Ormsby, 1831-1902
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Administrative Information

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Restrictions

Purchased 1956 from the British Museum for reference only. Publication permission as well as additional prints could be obtained directly from the British Museum, which owns the originals.

Scope and Contents

Consists of 20 photos of drawings by Robert Ormsby Sweeny, made in Minnesota in 1852.

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Contents: 4489: Artist's titles: [1.] Interior Dakota Bark house. [2.] Dakota or Sioux women Tanning and dressing skins. [3.] Dakotas telling stories and preparing for a hunting party. [4.] Bark hunting lodge of Dakotas or Sioux Indians. [5.] "Fire hunting" of the Sioux. [6.] Sioux spearing fish. [7.] Shakapes and Le petite Corbeaus bands playing ball at Shakapes village. [8.] Dakota Doctor or Sorcerer preparing charms for the sick. [9.] Dakota Doctor exorcising the evil spirit from the sick. [10.] Dakota medicine men showing their secret charms to each other. [11.] Dance Worship of Oank-tay-hee Taku-wakan- The supernatural giant. [12.] Dakota Indians dancing the Sun Dance. [13.] Bark Houses or Summer Lodges of Dakotas. [14.] Return Dance of a successful War party of Dakotas. [15.] Begging Dance of the Dakotas or Sioux. [16.] Dakota or Sioux squaws gathering Wild Rice for Winter food. [17.] Dog Dance of the M'de wakan ton Sioux or Dakotas. [18.] Dakota or Sioux Indians racing ponies. [19.] M'de Wakanton wan Dakota burial place, "Black Dogs Village" Minnesota. [20.] Wa-pa-ton Sioux or Dakota Ceremonies of the Thunder Bird "Travers des Sioux."

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Local Note

Filed: Dakota original prints (no negatives). Mounted in album.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Dakota Indians
- Dance
- Death and mortuary customs
- Fishing
- Habitations and other structures
- Hide preparation
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Medicine -- medicine men
- Photographs
- Rituals, formulas and ceremonies
- Sioux
- Sioux
- Toys and games -- playing ball

Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Sioux