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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 4689 Matilda Coxe Stevenson Papers
Date:	ca. 1870-1910
Identifier:	NAA.MS4689
Creator:	Stevenson, Matilda Coxe, 1850-1915 Stevenson, James, 1840-1888 Anderson, Larz, 1866-1937 (Correspondent) Avery, Rachel Foster (Correspondent) Baird, Spencer Fullerton, 1823-1887 (Correspondent) Curtis, Edward S., 1868-1952 (Correspondent) Douglass, William Boone (Correspondent) Eagle, Mary K. (Correspondent) Gill, Mary W. (Correspondent) Goode, G. Brown (George Brown), 1851-1896 (Correspondent) Hodge, Frederick Webb, 1864-1956 (Correspondent) Holmes, Oliver Wendell, Jr., 1841-1935 (Correspondent) Holmes, William Henry, 1846-1933 (Correspondent) Hornaday, W.T. (Correspondent) Leidy, Joseph (Correspondent) McGee, Anita Newcomb, 1864-1940 (Correspondent) Meredith, Virginia C. (Correspondent) Moseley, A.N. (Correspondent) Nordhoff-Jung, Sophie (Correspondent) Pollard, Henry L. (Correspondent) Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902 (Correspondent) Putnam, F. W. (Frederic Ward), 1839-1915 (Correspondent) Schweizer, Herman (Correspondent) Sherman, William Tecumseh Lieut. General (Correspondent) True, Clara D. (Correspondent) Tylor, Edward Burnett (Correspondent) Walcott, Charles D. (Charles Doolittle), 1850-1927 (Correspondent) Evans, Alexander H. Bourke, John Gregory, 1846-1896 (Correspondent)
Extent:	5 Linear feet
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Received October 31, 1961 as gift of Manning Gasch, Georgetown Pike, McLean, Virginia; his father, Herman E. Gasch, was executor of M. C. Stevenson's estate.

Provenance

Rifle and trunk of James Stevenson, journal of Alexander H. Evans' trip to Europe in 1857, and two stone fetishes received with the papers were transferred to U. S. National Museum (Accession Number 240140).

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Scope and Contents

Most of Stevenson's scientific notes are included as separate items in the series of numbered manuscript and the papers of John Peabody Harrington. This particular set of materials is made up of papers that passed into the hands of the executor of her estate. It consists of a miscellany of letters, notes, legal documents, cartographic materials, genealogical materials, photographs, newspaper clippings, other printed material, and other types of documents. Although the collection largely concerns Stevenson, it also includes some material of her husband, James Stevenson, and members of her family, especially her father, Alexander H. Evans, a Washington, D.C. attorney.

Scope and Contents

Many of the documents concern Stevenson's field work among the Pueblo Indians and other official duties with the Smithsonian. Some material relates to her activities with the World's Columbian Exposition and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. A few items concern her membership in scientific organizations. Still other documents are of a personal nature, and some are mementoes, especially of James Stevenson. A significant group of documents concern Matilda Coxe Stevenson's friendly and, later, very difficult relationship with Clara True.

Scope and Contents

The photographs include some items of ethnographic interest but it consists largely of portraits of James and Matilda Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson's relatives. Also included are images in albums apparently gathered by Stevenson as a collector of photographs. They include images of Kit Carson, Charles Darwin, Charles Dickens, Ferdinand Vandiveer Hayden, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and William Tecumseh Sherman. In the albums are also a number of photographic portraits with unidentified subjects, many of whom appear to be actors and actresses.

Local Numbers

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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:

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Pueblo

Cultures:

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
Pueblo

Names:

Carson, Kit, 1809-1868
Darwin, Charles
Dickens, Charles, 1812-1870
Hayden, F. V. (Ferdinand Vandever), 1829-1887
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth, 1807-1882
Louisiana Purchase Exposition (1904: Saint Louis, Mo.)
Sherman, William Tecumseh Lieut. General
World's Columbian Exposition (1893 : Chicago, Ill.)

Occupations:

Actors