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Guide to MS 4880 William Henry Holmes sketches for  
Cocopa exhibit in the United States National Museum

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b>      | National Anthropological Archives   |
| <b>Title:</b>           | MS 4880 William Henry Holmes sketches for Cocopa exhibit in the United States National Museum                           |
| <b>Date:</b>            | undated   |
| <b>Identifier:</b>      | NAA.MS4880  |
| <b>Creator:</b>         | Holmes, William Henry, 1846-1933  |
| <b>Extent:</b>          | 2 Drawings (visual works) (pencil and ink, laminated; 9.75 x 6.5 inches)  |
| <b>Language:</b>        | English .   |
| <b>Digital Content:</b> | <a href="#">Image(s): MS 4880 William Henry Holmes sketches for Cocopa exhibit in the United States National Museum</a> |
| <b>Container:</b>       | Box 4880  |

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The sketches were found with Cocopa Original Prints, March 1970.

### Related Materials

Correspondence by Holmes can be found throughout the National Anthropological Archives in MS 7206, the records of the Bureau of American Ethnology, and the records of the Department of Anthropology.

Manuscripts and notes by Holmes can be found throughout the National Anthropological Archives in MS 4698, MS 2125, MS 7112, and MS 7570.

The Smithsonian Institution Archives holds the William Henry Holmes Papers, 1870-1931 (SIA RU007084).

### Preferred Citation

MS 4880 William Henry Holmes sketches for Cocopa exhibit in the United States National Museum, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

### Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

## Biographical Note

William Henry Holmes (1846-1933) was an artist, geologist, and archaeologist who spent most of his career with the United States Geological Survey of the Territories, United States Geological Survey, Bureau of American Ethnology (BAE), and Department of Anthropology of the Smithsonian. From 1894-1897, he was the head of anthropology at the Field Columbian Museum (Field Museum of Natural History) and on the staff of the University of Chicago. From 1889 to 1894, shortly after his appointment to the Bureau of American Ethnology, William Henry Holmes conducted excavations of the quartzite and steatite quarries in the Rock Creek Valley. He later served as head curator for the US National Museum Department of Anthropology from 1897-1902 and head of the BAE from 1902-1909.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of two (2) pages of annotated sketches by William Henry Holmes for a Cocopa diorama in the United States National Museum.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution or National Anthropological Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

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## Local Numbers

NAA MS 4880

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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:

- Cocopa
- Museum exhibits

### Cultures:

- Cocopa

### Types of Materials:

- Drawings
- Works of art

### Names:

- United States National Museum

### Places:

- North America