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Guide to MS 4885 Plains Indian
drawing, possibly Blackfoot

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 4885 Plains Indian drawing, possibly Blackfoot
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NAA.MS4885
Creator:	Unknown (Artist)
Extent:	1 Drawings (visual works) (graphite on cardboard; 15 x 10.5 inches)
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable .
Digital Content:	Image(s): MS 4885 Plains Indian drawing, possibly Blackfoot
Container:	Box 4885

Administrative Information

Provenance

The drawing was found with unlisted Bureau of American Ethnology Annual Report illustrations in July 1970. There is no information about the origin of the drawing.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The collection is open for research.
Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of one drawing depicting a buffalo hunt in the lower register, and a pronghorn antelope, grazing elk, and trees in the upper register. The Number 1094 is written on the back of the mount in pencil. The drawing has been provisionally identified as Blackfoot by comparison to MS 3276a, which has a very similar figure of an elk as well as similar numbering on the back.

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Local Numbers

NAA MS 4885

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Niitsitapii (Blackfoot/Blackfeet)

Cultures:

Niitsitapii (Blackfoot/Blackfeet)

Types of Materials:

Ledger drawings

Works of art

Places:

North America