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MS 5967 David McClusky pictographic
drawing of 1864 battle at Heart River

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 5967 David McClusky pictographic drawing of 1864 battle at Heart River
Date:	1869
Identifier:	NAA.MS5967
Creator:	McKlusky, David
Extent:	1 Drawings (visual works) (pencil and ink on linen-backed paper, laminated; 23 x 17.5 inches)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Image(s): MS 5967 David McClusky pictographic drawing of 1864 battle at Heart River
Container:	Folder 5967

Administrative Information

Provenance

The provenance of the drawing is unknown; there is no accession information available. It was found in the USNM collections and transferred from the object collections of the Department of Anthropology to the National Anthropological Archives.

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.

Biographical Note

David McClusky (also known as David McKlusky, Standing Buffalo and Che-nah-zhi-gah) was Ho-Chunk leader and a private in Stufft's Independent Company Indian Scouts. Commanded by Captain Christian Stufft, the company was part of Brigadier General Alfred Sully's 1864 Expedition against the Sioux.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of a pictographic drawing depicting a conflict between the forces of General Sully, including Winnebago scouts and the Dakota Sioux. The drawing is inscribed "Winnebago Sout white hill Fight three over soldar--one Campain" (Winnebago Scout, White Hill Fight. 83 soldiers--1 company) and signed David McKlusky and David M. At the lower right, in different handwriting, is a further explanation of the picture.

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 As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today.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.

Local Numbers

NAA MS 5967

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Variant Title

Drawing of Battle between General Sully's company of soldiers and Winnebago scouts, and the Sioux (Dakota), at "Hard River" (Heart River?)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Dakota (Eastern Sioux)
Ho-Chunk (Winnebago)

Cultures:

Dakota (Eastern Sioux)
Ho-Chunk (Winnebago)

Types of Materials:

Drawings
Pictographs
Works of art

Names:

Sully, Alfred, 1821-1879

Places:

North America
North Dakota