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MS 685 Nez Perce vocabulary and  
ethnographic notes in Powell's Introduction  
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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Previously titled "Vocabulary."

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Negative Microfilm # 35.

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## Scope and Contents

In schedule of John Wesley Powell's Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages, partly filled. Contains 841 terms. Includes notes on construction of sweat houses; celebration which accompanies the meeting of friendly tribes; construction of wigwams and each individuals place within the structure; (Nez Perce believe the "sweat house" confers mystic powers upon them; arrow shaft straightener not used- they use teeth for that purpose; fish hooks described, and spearing of fish; fish baskets not used- the fish being carried on a twig; standards of value not classifiable among the Nez Perce.

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## 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:

Fishing -- Nez Perce

Language and languages -- Documentation  
Niimípuu (Nez Perce)  
Sweat houses -- Nez Perce  
Wigwams -- Nez Perce

Cultures:

Niimípuu (Nez Perce)