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MS 7090 Letters from George  
Bird Grinnell to C. Hart Merriam

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	MS 7090 Letters from George Bird Grinnell to C. Hart Merriam
<b>Date:</b>	1878-1932
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.MS7090
<b>Creator:</b>	Grinnell, George Bird, 1849-1938 Merriam, C. Hart (Clinton Hart), 1855-1942 (Correspondent)
<b>Extent:</b>	200 Pages
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

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### Citation

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## Scope and Contents

Consists of correspondence with two newspaper clippings. Includes detailed discussion of the efforts of Grinnell and Merriam, through contacts with President Theodore Roosevelt and influential Congressmen, to bring about Federal investigation of charges of maladministration by the Indian Agent at the Blackfeet Reservation in 1903-4. It also contains accounts of actions taken to try to end practices adversely affecting Indians such as appropriation and ration cuts, grants of grazing rights to white cattlemen and reservations, and Agency mismanagement, with specific reference to the Cheyenne, the Standing Rock Dakota, and Geronimo's Apaches, as well as the Blackfeet. Other letters are concerned primarily with scientific discussions of ornithological, zoological, and botanical subjects and of conservation and the need for National Parks and National Forests.

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## Bibliography

The drawings and photographs are described in an accompanying typed label as "Original illustrations for Pawnee Hero Stories by Geo. Bird Grinnell. First Edition 1889".

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## Local Note

Typescript letter signed and autograph letter signed

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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:

- Botany
- Federal-Indian relations -- Blackfeet
- Federal-Indian relations -- agency mismanagement
- Federal-Indian relations -- appropriations
- Federal-Indian relations -- grazing rights
- Federal-Indian relations -- ration cuts
- Indian interest groups -- Indian Rights Association
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)
- Zoology
- Zoology -- Ornithology

### Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

### Types of Materials:

- Drawings
- Newspaper clippings
- Photographs

### Names:

- Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919