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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 7488 Hopi narratives
Date:	n.d
Identifier:	NAA.MS7488
Creator:	Johnson, K. T., 1876-1971 (Hopi)
Extent:	5 Reels (4 inch) 3 Reels (3 inch)
Language:	In Hopi only

Administrative Information

Provenance

The tapes were deposited by Philip C. Johnson in 1979. Johnson obtained the materials from his father, Frisco H. Johnson, who had himself encouraged his own father, K.T. Johnson, to make the recordings. Philip Johnson has allowed the archives to make copies of the tapes but, in accordance with his grandfather's wishes, has imposed the restriction that no profit be made off of them. Dr. David Shaul has listened to the tapes and states that K.T. Johnson was careful to omit any tribal secrets that he knew.

Citation

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Restrictions

Use tapes to be given to researchers. No profit is to be made on any of the material.

Biographical / Historical

Kay Tuwalstewa Johnson was a One Horn Society leader at Old Oraibi. Formerly an adherent to Hopi religion, an injury and his delay in recovery caused him to identify the Hopi deity Massa as the devil and brought his conversion to Christianity. The tapes were made in the late 1960s or early 1970s with his son, Frisco H. Johnson running the recorder.

Scope and Contents

Included are accounts of experiences in a government school at Keams Canyon; a version of the emergence myth; conversations with Yukiwma about Kokop Clan traditions; narrative about a Mexican slave raid on Oraibi; discussions of weaving and health practices, personal and tribal history, interrelationship among Hopi clans; contrasts of Hopi and Navaho life; discussion of the Hopi as a chosen people; exposition of Christian themes. A five-page summary of the tapes has been provided by David Shaul.

Local Numbers

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Local Note

Reel-to-reel tape recordings

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Diné (Navajo)
- Hopi
- Hopi Pueblo
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Navaho

Cultures:

- Diné (Navajo)
- Hopi
- Hopi Pueblo
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Types of Materials:

- Sound recordings

Names:

- Yukiwa, Hopi