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Guide to MS 7536 Pochoir prints of
ledger drawings by the Kiowa Five, 1929

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 7536 Pochoir prints of ledger drawings by the Kiowa Five
Date:	1929
Identifier:	NAA.MS7536
Creator:	Asah, Spencer, approximately 1908-1954 (Artist) Auchiah, James, 1906-1974 (Artist) Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974 (Artist) Hokeah, Jack, 1902-1969 (Artist) Smoky, Lois, 1907-1981 (Artist) Tsatoke, Monroe, 1904-1937 (Artist) Jacobson, Oscar Brousse, 1882-1966 (Collector)
Extent:	24 Paintings (watercolor applied by pochoir; 11 x 14 inches)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Provenance

A note dated 1970 indicates that the color plates were hanging in the office of the Chairman of the Department of Anthropology, having previously been displayed in the office of the Director of the Bureau of American Ethnology. They were later removed from display and designated NAA MS 7536. No information is available regarding their acquisition.

Related Materials

The National Anthropological Archives holds a complete set of prints published in 1979 in MS 2008-15 *Kiowa Indian Art: Watercolor Paintings in Color by the Indians of Oklahoma* and holds related prints in the Acee Blue Eagle collection, including the original painting on which Plate 27 is based.

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.

Historical Note

The Kiowa Five were a group of painters who earned national and international acclaim during the early twentieth century. The group actually consisted of six individuals: Spencer Asah, Jack Hokeah, Stephen Mopope, Monroe Tsatoke, Lois Smoky, and James Auchiah. A number of the artists attended St. Patrick's Mission School in Anadarko, Oklahoma, where they received art instruction from Sister Olivia Taylor. Susan Peters, a government field matron, also took an interest in the young artists' work. She arranged for an artist from Chickasha, Mrs. Willie Baze Lane, to provide art lessons. Eventually Ms. Peters persuaded Dr. Oscar Jacobson, head of the school of art at the University of Oklahoma, to provide additional training for the artists. In 1926, Asah, Hokeah, Tsatoke, and Mopope arrived at the University. The artists were not officially enrolled, but they received special instruction from Jacobson and Dr. Edith Mahier, another professor in the school of art. In January 1927, Lois Smoky, a young Kiowa woman, arrived to study with the other artists. In spring, the artists were compelled to return home to tend to agricultural pursuits. They returned in the fall, accompanied by James Auchiah, the sixth and final student. Shortly thereafter, Lois Smoky withdrew from the program and returned home. Dr. Oscar Jacobson arranged for the Kiowa artists' paintings to be exhibited in 1928 at the First International Art Exposition - formally titled the 1928 International Art Congress (of the International Federation for Art Education, Drawing and Art Applied to Industries)- in Prague, Czechoslovakia. In 1929, *Kiowa Art*, a portfolio of the artists' paintings was published in France.

Biographical Note

Stephen Mopope also known as Qued Koi (Painted Robe) was born on August 27, 1898 near Red Stone Baptist Church on the Kiowa Reservation. He attended St. Patrick's Mission School in Anadarko, Oklahoma. He died on February 3, 1974.

Biographical Note

Spencer Asah also known as Lallo (Little Boy) was born between 1905 and 1910 near Carnegie, Oklahoma. He attended various government Indian schools and St. Patrick's Mission School, Anadarko, Oklahoma. He died in 1954.

Biographical Note

James Auchiah was born in 1906 near Medicine Park, Oklahoma. He attended St. Patrick's Mission School in Anadarko, Oklahoma. He died on December 28, 1974.

Biographical Note

Jack Hokeah was born in 1902 in western Oklahoma. He attended St. Patrick's Mission School in Anadarko, Oklahoma. He died on December 14, 1969.

Biographical Note

Monroe Tsatoke also known as Tsa To Kee (Hunting Horse) was born September 29, 1904 at Saddle Mountain, Oklahoma. He attended Rainy Mountain Indian School near Carnegie, Oklahoma and Bacone College. He died on February 3, 1937.

Biographical Note

Lois Smokey also known as Bougetah (Of the Dawn) was born in 1907, near Anadarko, Oklahoma. She died on February 1, 1981.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of twenty-four (24) prints illustrating dancers, figures in traditional attire, and ceremonial events. Each sheet is numbered in the upper right corner, with numbers 1 through 30. The set is complete except for 3, 5, 7, 22, 26, and 29. The prints are from a portfolio containing 30 plates and an accompanying text by Jacobson published by C. Szwedizicki, Nice, France. The painters are the so-called "Kiowa Five," renamed the "Kiowa Six": Jack Hokeah, Spencer Asah, Bougetah (Lois) Smokey, Stephen Mopope, and Monroe Tsatoke. For this set of drawings, an electrostatic copy of the text as published in 1979 with an essay by Jamake Highwater and the Jacobson text in French with an added translation in English has been added (Oscar Brousse Jacobson, *Kiowa Indian Art: Watercolor Paintings in Color by the Indians of Oklahoma*) with an introductory essay by Jamake Highwater, Bell Editions, Santa Fe, ca. 1979). The locations of the missing art and the original 1929 text and covers are not known.

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 7536

NAA INV 09064600-09066900

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Kiowa

Cultures:

Kiowa

Types of Materials:

Ledger drawings

Watercolors

Works of art

Places:

North America

Container Listing

Box 7536, Folder 1	<p>The buffalo dance 1 Painting Image(s): Pochoir print of Jack Hokeah drawing of buffalo dance Image(s): Pochoir print of Jack Hokeah drawing of buffalo dance Creator: Hokeah, Jack, 1902-1969 Notes: NAA INV 09064600 NAA MS 7536 001 OPPS NEG 92-11393 Inscription on verso reads: "The Buffalo Dance."</p>
Box 7536, Folder 2	<p>The humming bird dance 1 Painting Image(s): Pochoir print of Jack Hokeah drawing of hummingbird dance Image(s): Pochoir print of Jack Hokeah drawing of hummingbird dance Creator: Hokeah, Jack, 1902-1969 Notes: NAA INV 09064700 NAA MS 7536 002 OPPS NEG 92-11411 Inscription on verso reads: "The Humming Bird Dance."</p>
Box 7536, Folder 3	<p>Kiowa priest at prayer 1 Painting Image(s): Pochoir print of Jack Hokeah drawing of Kiowa priest in prayer Image(s): Pochoir print of Jack Hokeah drawing of Kiowa priest in prayer Creator: Hokeah, Jack, 1902-1969 Notes: NAA INV 09064800 NAA MS 7536 003 OPPS NEG 92-10973 Inscription on verso reads: "Kiowa Priest at Prayer."</p>
Box 7536, Folder 4	<p>The greeting of thee moon god 1 Painting Image(s): Pochoir print of Jack Hokeah drawing of the greeting of the Moon God Image(s): Pochoir print of Jack Hokeah drawing of the greeting of the Moon God Creator: Hokeah, Jack, 1902-1969 Notes: NAA INV 09064900 NAA MS 7536 004 OPPS NEG 92-10976 Inscription on verso reads: "Greeting of thee [sic] Moon God."</p>
Box 7536, Folder 5	<p>War Dancer 2 Paintings (8.25 x 10.5 inches) Image(s): Ceremony, Dance Silkscreen</p>

Image(s): [Ceremony, Dance Silkscreen](#)
Image(s): [Ceremony, Dance Silkscreen](#)
Image(s): [Ceremony, Dance Silkscreen](#)
Creator: Hokeah, Jack, 1902-1969
Notes: NAA INV 08534500 NAA INV 08534600

Box 7536, Folder 6 Asah dancing
1 Painting
Image(s): [Pochoir print of Spencer Asah drawing of him dancing](#)
Image(s): [Pochoir print of Spencer Asah drawing of him dancing](#)
Creator: Asah, Spencer, approximately 1908-1954
Notes: NAA INV 09065000
NAA MS 7536 005
OPPS NEG 92-10971
Inscription on verso reads: "Asah Dancing."

Box 7536, Folder 7 Kiowa family
1 Painting
Image(s): [Pochoir print of Lois Smokey drawing of Kiowa family](#)
Image(s): [Pochoir print of Lois Smokey drawing of Kiowa family](#)
Creator: Smoky, Lois, 1907-1981
Notes: NAA INV 09065100
NAA MS 7536 006
OPPS NEG 92-10970
Inscription on verso reads: "Kiowa Family."

Box 7536, Folder 8 Eagle dance
1 Painting
Image(s): [Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of eagle dance](#)
Image(s): [Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of eagle dance](#)
Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974
Notes: NAA INV 09065200
NAA MS 7536 007
OPPS NEG 92-10974
Inscription on verso reads: "Eagle Dance."

Box 7536, Folder 9 Mother and papoose
1 Painting
Image(s): [Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of mother and papoose](#)
Image(s): [Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of mother and papoose](#)
Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974
Notes: NAA INV 09065300
NAA MS 7536 008
OPPS NEG 92-10998
Inscription on verso reads: "Mother and Papoose."

Box 7536, Folder 10 Kiowa singers

1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of Kiowa singers](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of Kiowa singers](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09065400

NAA MS 7536 009

OPPS NEG 92-10999

Inscription on verso reads: "Kiowa Singers."

Box 7536, Folder 11

Osage piote man

1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of Osage piote man](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of Osage piote man](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09065500

NAA MS 7536 010

OPPS NEG 92-10972

Inscription on verso reads: "Osage Piote Man."

Box 7536, Folder 12

Making Medicine

1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of Making Medicine](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of Making Medicine](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09065600

NAA MS 7536 011

OPPS NEG 92-10969

Inscription on verso reads: "Making Medicine."

Depicted: Making Medicine, 1844?-1931

Box 7536, Folder 13

Kiowa warrior on horseback

1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of Kiowa warrior on horseback](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of Kiowa warrior on horseback](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09065700

NAA MS 7536 012

OPPS NEG 92-10995

Inscription on verso reads: "Kiowa warrior on horseback."

Box 7536, Folder 14

Kiowa warrior and wife

1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of Kiowa warrior and wife](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of Kiowa warrior and wife](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09065800

NAA MS 7536 013

OPPS NEG 92-10996

Inscription on verso reads: "Kiowa warrior and wife."

Box 7536, Folder 15

Flute player

1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of flute player](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of flute player](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09065900

NAA MS 7536 014

OPPS NEG 92-10994

Inscription on verso reads: "Flute Player."

Box 7536, Folder 16

Portrait [man's profile]

1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of man's profile](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of man's profile](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09066000

NAA MS 7536 015

OPPS NEG 92-10990

Inscription on verso reads: "Portrait."

Box 7536, Folder 17

Hopi green dance

1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of Hopi Green Dance](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of Hopi Green Dance](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09066100

NAA MS 7536 016

OPPS NEG 92-10993

Inscription on verso reads: "Hopi Green Dance."

Box 7536, Folder 18

Wedding ceremony

1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of wedding ceremony](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of wedding ceremony](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09066200

NAA MS 7536 017

OPPS NEG 92-10991

Inscription on verso reads: "Wedding Ceremony."

Box 7536, Folder 19

War dance

1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of war dance](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of war dance](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09066300

NAA MS 7536 018

OPPS NEG 92-10992

Inscription on verso reads: "War Dance."

Box 7536, Folder 20 War dance
1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of war dance](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of war dance](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09066400

NAA MS 7536 019

OPPS NEG 92-11196

Inscription on verso reads: "War Dance."

Box 7536, Folder 21 Squaw dance
1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of squaw dance](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of squaw dance](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09066500

NAA MS 7536 020

OPPS NEG 92-11427

Inscription on verso reads: "Squaw Dance."

Box 7536, Folder 22 Eagle dance
1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of eagle dance](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Stephen Mopope drawing of eagle dance](#)

Creator: Mopope, Stephen, 1898-1974

Notes: NAA INV 09066600

NAA MS 7536 021

OPPS NEG 92-11392

Inscription on verso reads: "Eagle Dance."

Box 7536, Folder 23 Medicine dance
1 Painting

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Monroe Tsatoke drawing of medicine dance](#)

[Image\(s\): Pochoir print of Monroe Tsatoke drawing of medicine dance](#)

Creator: Tsatoke, Monroe, 1904-1937

Notes: NAA INV 09066700

NAA MS 7536 022

OPPS NEG 92-11263

Inscription on verso reads: "Medicine Dance."

Box 7536, Folder 24 Warrior in black
1 Painting
Image(s): [Pochoir print of Monroe Tsatoke drawing of warrior wearing black clothing](#)
Image(s): [Pochoir print of Monroe Tsatoke drawing of warrior wearing black clothing](#)
Creator: Tsatoke, Monroe, 1904-1937
Notes: NAA INV 09066800
 NAA MS 7536 023
 OPPS NEG 92-10951
 Inscription on verso reads: "Warrior in Black."

Box 7536, Folder 25 Warriors
1 Painting
Image(s): [Pochoir print of Monroe Tsatoke drawing of warriors](#)
Image(s): [Pochoir print of Monroe Tsatoke drawing of warriors](#)
Creator: Tsatoke, Monroe, 1904-1937
Notes: NAA INV 09066900
 NAA MS 7536 024
 OPPS NEG 92-11000
 Inscription on verso reads: "Warriors."

Box 7536, Folder 26 Text
Notes: Photocopy of introduction to *Kiowa Indian Art: Watercolor Paintings in Color by the Indians of Oklahoma*. Santa Fe: Bell Editions, 1979.