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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	John Wesley Powell papers
Date:	1867-1907
Identifier:	NAA.MS798
Creator:	Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902
Extent:	11.5 Linear feet (16 boxes and 5 folders)
Language:	Undetermined .
Summary:	John Wesley Powell (1834-1902) was a geologist, U.S. Army soldier, explorer of the American West, professor, and director of the Bureau of American Ethnology (BAE) and United States Geological Survey (USGS). The John Wesley Powell papers consist of journals, research notes, and writing related to Powell's linguistic and ethnographic studies, as well as personal records and a small amount of material related to the USGS.
Digital Content:	Digital Content: Major John Wesley Powell, photograph in collections of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries and Archives (SIA-2002-12170).

Administrative Information

Provenance

The manuscripts in this collection were compiled from numerous sources. After John Wesley Powell's death in 1902, Grove Karl Gilbert served as the literary executor of his estate. Several manuscripts left by Powell in the Bureau of American Ethnology (BAE) offices were transferred to Gilbert in 1903. Gilbert intended to publish Powell's collected writings posthumously, with William John McGee editing Powell's works relating to Anthropology and Philosophy and Gilbert editing the works relating to Geology and Geography. This work was never completed or published. Gilbert subsequently distributed Powell's manuscripts to the BAE, USGS, and Powell's widow, Emma Dean Powell, as he deemed appropriate. Gilbert destroyed the remainder of Powell's manuscripts, including his correspondence. There is no record or inventory of the Powell material Gilbert collected, distributed, or destroyed. See related correspondence in the [Records of the Bureau of American Ethnology](#) and Powell collection file for more information.

Some materials in the collection were acquired by the BAE Archives and the National Anthropological Archives from the BAE Library, Smithsonian Institution Archives, and other sources. More information is available in the records for these individual items.

Related Materials

Artifacts collected by Powell are held by the Department of Anthropology object collections, USGS Museum, and Illinois State University.

Material related to Powell's role as director of the Bureau of American Ethnology (BAE) are held by the National Anthropological Archives (NAA) in [Records of the Bureau of American Ethnology](#) , [MS 3322](#) , and [MS 4735](#) .

Photographs of Powell are held by the NAA in [Photo Lot 33](#) , and [Photo Lot 39](#) , and an inventory of photographs made on Powell's expeditions is held in [MS 1795-c](#) .

Material related to Powell's work with the U.S. Geological Survey are held by the National Archives in [Record Group 57: Records of the U.S. Geological Survey, 1839–2008](#) .

Processing Information

The material in this collection has been organized and cataloged in various ways by the Bureau of American Ethnology (BAE) and National Anthropological Archives (NAA) since the 1870s. There is little remaining evidence of Powell's own organizational scheme.

James Constantine Pilling, BAE Chief Clerk, was first custodian of the manuscripts collection. Pilling compiled the first catalog of BAE manuscripts in 1881 as "Catalog of Linguistic Manuscripts in the Library of the Bureau of Ethnology" in the *First Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution*. The Pilling catalog organizes the manuscripts alphabetically by collector and includes twenty-six (26) of Powell's manuscripts, as well as other material then in the BAE manuscript collection.

In 1893, BAE linguist James Owen Dorsey, with the help of J.N.B. Hewitt, began to compile an in-house catalog of BAE manuscripts. This system involved organizing the manuscripts onto shelves by language group, and involved separating vocabularies from related items, such as letters, related notes, and other vocabularies. Some of the manuscripts are marked with shelf numbers from this system (e.g., Sh-57, Sh-67, etc.) This work was interrupted by Dorsey's death in 1895 and never completed. The incomplete Dorsey-Hewitt catalog is now in [MS 1524](#) .

In 1896, an inventory was conducted on the manuscript collection. An inventory list has not been preserved, but many of the manuscripts have been marked "96" in ink indicating that they were accounted for in this inventory.

In 1926, Hewitt, with the assistance of typist Mae Tucker, began to assign Manuscript Numbers to BAE collections. The numbers loosely corresponded to language families, but this may have been a result of the numbers being assigned to the manuscripts in the order in which they were already arranged on the shelves. The manuscripts were stamped with a BAE stamp including the month and year they were cataloged and the catalog number was stamped or written on the documents. In some cases, manuscript numbers were reassigned, resulting in several different numbers appearing on the documents.

In 2025, Powell's manuscripts were reprocessed and incorporated into a single collection now known as the John Wesley Powell papers (MS 798). The Archivist assembled Powell's ethnographic and linguistic manuscripts, writings, and personal papers. Manuscripts relating to Powell's work as director of the BAE were not included.

Due to the numerous cataloging and arrangement schemes imposed on the materials and a lack of documentation, the Archivist was unable to determine an original order of the collection. The Archivist organized the collection into four (4) series. The Archivist referred to:

Powell, John Wesley, and Smithsonian Institution. *Anthropology of the Numa: John Wesley Powell's Manuscripts on the Numic Peoples of Western North America, 1868-1880*. Edited by Don D. Fowler and Catherine S. Fowler. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1971.

to identify and arrange the research material in Series 1. Old BAE/NAA manuscript numbers have been recorded as "Local Numbers" for each file. In some cases, more than one BAE/NAA manuscript has been incorporated into a single file. In other cases, BAE/NAA manuscripts have been divided among several new files. Original titles and wording on the documents were used when possible, even when

they included outdated or offensive terminology. Supplied titles, including modern terminology, are in square brackets [].

Preferred Citation

John Wesley Powell papers (MS 798), National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

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

John Wesley Powell (1834-1902) was a geologist, U.S. Army soldier, explorer of the American West, professor, and director of the Bureau of American Ethnology (BAE) and United States Geological Survey (USGS). He is known for being the leader of the Powell Geographic Expedition of 1869, the first cartographic and scientific investigation of long segments of the Green and Colorado rivers in the southwestern United States and for a subsequent expedition in 1871-1872.

Powell was born in Mount Morris, New York. In 1838, he moved with his family to Southern Ohio, where he was mentored by amateur naturalist George Crookham. The family again moved, this time to Wisconsin, before finally settling in Illinois in 1851. There, Powell worked as a schoolteacher and attended several colleges, though he never received a degree. He also collected fossils and studied geology during trips to areas along the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. Powell enlisted in the army at the start of the Civil War. His right arm was amputated after he sustained an injury at the Battle of Shiloh. Powell was promoted to second lieutenant and later to major during his army tenure. At the end of the war he was made a brevet lieutenant colonel but preferred to use the title of "Major."

After the war, Powell taught natural sciences at Illinois Wesleyan University and Illinois State Normal University. He became curator of the Illinois Natural History Society Museum in 1867. During this time, Powell continued to organize expeditions, including studies of the Colorado River and the Native American tribes of the region (in 1869 and in 1871-1872). With government funding, his second expedition produced the first reliable maps of the river. As a result, Powell published a book, *Exploration of the Colorado River of the West and Its Tributaries: Explored in 1869, 1870, 1871, and 1872 Under the Direction of the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution* (1875), which was reprinted as *Canyons of the Colorado* in 1895.

Powell was appointed director of the Bureau of American Ethnology at its inception in 1879, a position he held until his death. He also served as director of the US Geological Survey from 1881-1894.

Powell married Emma Dean in 1861. Together, they had one child, Mary Dean Powell, in 1871. Powell died in 1902 at his summer home in Brooklin, Maine. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists primarily of journals, research notes, and writing related to Powell's linguistic and ethnographic study of the indigenous peoples he encountered during his explorations of the Colorado River in 1869 and 1871-1872 and subsequent trips to the western United States. The collection also contains a few items related to Powell's role as second director of the USGS and personal records, including correspondence, financial records, honor and awards, and a few photographs. Material related to Powell's position as director of the Bureau of American Ethnology are not included.

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.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into four (4) series: (1) Research; (2) United States Geological Survey (USGS); (3) Writing and Reports; and (4) Personal.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Diné (Navajo)
- Ethnology
- Great Basin
- Hopi Pueblo
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Paiute
- Shoshone
- Ute

Cultures:

- Diné (Navajo)
- Great Basin
- Hopi Pueblo
- Paiute
- Shoshone
- Ute

Container Listing

Research, 1868-1881

Scope and Contents: This series contains Powell's ethnographic and linguistic fieldwork, including his journals, vocabularies, myths and folktales, and material relating to his artifact collections. The arrangement and description of this series was informed by:

Powell, John Wesley, and Smithsonian Institution. *Anthropology of the Numa: John Wesley Powell's Manuscripts on the Numic Peoples of Western North America, 1868-1880*. Edited by Don D. Fowler and Catherine S. Fowler. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1971.

Arrangement: The series is arranged into four (4) sub-series: (1) Journals; (2) Manuscripts organized by tribe; (3) Comparative Philologies; and (4) Artifact collections.

Journals, 1869-1872

Scope and Contents: Consists of 11 field journals numbered 1-12 (No. 7 is missing). The journals are fragmentary and incomplete. They are made up of sheets of unlined paper in board note-book covers. Much of this material was copied by Powell and/or scribes in various other manuscripts [See Sub-series 2].

Also included are transcripts of some of the journals made by William Culp Darrah in 1947 (Nos. 1 and 2) and Dan and Catherine Fowler in 1967 (Nos. 4, 5, 9 and 10). These transcripts were published in:

Darrah, William Culp. "Major Powell's Journal: July 2 — August 28, 1869." *Utah Historical Quarterly*, 15 (1947): 125-139.

Fowler, Don D. and Catherine S. "John Wesley Powell's Second Colorado River Expedition, 1871-72." *Smithsonian Journal of History*. 3 No. 2 (1969): 1-44.

Conservation: The pages of most of the journals have been laminated.

Box 1, Folder 1-2

[No. 1 - Journal of Cañon trip of 1869, 1869](#)

Notes: MS 1795-a John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 1)

MS 1795-b Typescripts of John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 1)

Contains:

(1) Powell's journal, beginning on July 2, 1869 at what is now Ouray, Utah. The journal is incomplete; nearly 100 miles of the trip had already been accomplished by this date.

(2) A typescript copy of the journal.

Box 1, Folder 3-4

[No. 2 - Geological Notes and Sections, and Astronomical Record of 1869, 1869](#)

Notes: MS 1795-a John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 2)

MS 1795-b Typescripts of John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 2)

Contains:

(1) Powell's journal.

(2) A typescript copy.

Box 1, Folder 5

[No. 3 - Stewarts \[Steward's\] Notes and Sections, 1871](#)

	<p>Creator: Steward, John F. (John Fletcher), 1841-1915</p> <p>Notes: MS 1795-a John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 3)</p> <p>Consists of field notes by Steward relating to the geology of Red Canyon and Cataract Canyon.</p>
Box 1, Folder 6	<p>No. 4 - Notes on Language, Songs, and Mythology of the Pai-Utes for 1871, 1871</p> <p>Notes: MS 1795-a John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 4)</p> <p>Consists of two sets of material in one notebook--</p> <p>(1) A portion of Powell journal, dated June 11 - July 7, 1871. Also included are a Uintah Ute vocabulary, an outline of "The Story of Shinav's Son and the Bear," "Pa Ute from Hanblin", "Observations from Round Butte south of San Rafael river, September 5, 1871" [compass bearings], "Miracles [Miracles] related by Mormons."</p> <p>(2) Southern Pauite vocabulary, songs, and outlines of myths.</p> <p>The contents of Volumes 4 and 11 were originally filed intermingled in MS 2247. In 1959, the pages were separated and transferred to Powell's journals (then MS 1795-a).</p>
Box 1, Folder 7-8	<p>No. 5 - Journal from Green River to Browns Park; Journal commencing Sept. 2d at Henry's Butte with Compass bearings; also Journal from Mille Crag Bend to the crossing of the Fathers, 1871</p> <p>Notes: MS 1795-a John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 5)</p> <p>MS 1795-b Typescripts of John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 3)</p> <p>Contains:</p> <p>(1) Powell's journal</p> <p>(2) A typescript copy</p>
Box 2, Folder 1	<p>No. 6 - Shinomo Language, 1870</p> <p>Notes: MS 1795-a John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 6)</p> <p>Consists of a Hopi vocabulary collected at Old Oraibi.</p>
Box 2, Folder 2-3	<p>No. 8 - Geological notes of 1870. (Land trip), 1870</p> <p>Notes: MS 1795-a John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 8)</p> <p>MS 1795-b Typescripts of John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 4)</p> <p>Consists of Powell's notes on geology.</p>
Box 2, Folder 4-5	<p>No. 9 - Journal of trip of 1872 through Grand Cañon, 1872</p> <p>Notes: MS 1795-a John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 9)</p> <p>MS 1795-b Typescripts of John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 5)</p> <p>Contains:</p> <p>(1) Powell's journal dated July 17 - September 5 1872.</p> <p>(2) A typescript copy.</p>
Box 2, Folder 7-9	<p>No. 10 - Geological notes of 1872 of Marble Cañon, & Kanab Cañon & Paria Cañon. Also Section on the Kanab in 1871, 1871-1872</p>

	Notes:	MS 1795-a John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 10) MS 1795-b Typescripts of John Wesley Powell Journals, 1869-1872 (No. 10) Contains: (1) Powell's journal. (2) A typescript copy.
Box 2, Folder 10-11	No. 11 - Notes on Songs, Mythology & Language of the Pai-Utes, 1872 Notes:	MS 1795-a John Wesley Powell Journals (No. 11) Consists of Southern Paiute vocabulary, grammatical notes, songs, myths, and ethnographic data. The contents of Volumes 4 and 11 were originally filed intermingled in MS 2247. In 1959, the pages were separated and transferred to Powell's journals (then MS 1795-a).
Box 3, Folder 1	No. 12 - Navajo Indians, 1870 Notes:	MS 1445 Navajo vocabulary Consists of a vocabulary collected at Fort Defiance, New Mexico.
Box 3, Folder 2; Map-folder 1	[Loose materials], 1872 Notes:	MS 1795-a John Wesley Powell Journals Consists of loose sheets of Paiute vocabulary, myths, and songs; "Ute vocabulary notes"; and sketches.

Manuscripts organized by tribe

Scope and Contents:	Consists of linguistic and ethnographic data, including information on social organization, ceremonialism, curing practices, subsistence, material culture, languages, and mythology. Many of these documents contain information copied from Powell's journals [Sub-series 1] by either Powell himself or a scribe.
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Ute, 1868-1877

Culture: Ute

	Vocabularies and ethnographic notes Notes:	Arranged chronologically.
Box 3, Folder 3	Tabuats Utes vocabulary, 1868 Notes:	MS 2264 Tabuats Utes vocabulary in Smithsonian Institution Comparative Vocabulary schedule Consists of a vocabulary collected at Grand River and entered into a <i>Smithsonian Institution schedule (1863)</i> .
Box 3, Folder 4	Ute vocabulary given by Pom-pu-war (Jim), Salt Lake City, 1873 May Notes:	MS 796-c Ute vocabulary given by Pom-pu-war (Jim), Salt Lake City, May, 1873

Box 3, Folder 5 Ute vocabulary given by Joe, on board U. P. R. R. [Union Pacific Railroad] train bound East, 1873 June 8
Notes: MS 796-f Ute vocabulary given by Joe, on board U. P. R. R. Train bound East, June 8, 1873

Box 3, Folder 6-8 Ute vocabulary, 1873-1874
Notes: MS 828-b Ute vocabulary
MS 829 Ute vocabulary and grammatical notes
MS 835-b Conjugation of Ute verbs
MS 835-b Conjugation of 213 verbs in at least three tenses
Contains:
(1) A vocabulary obtained from "Komas and Wanroan" at "Spanish Fork Cañon [Canyon], Utah." The vocabulary is partly in Powell's hand and partly in the hand of a scribe and was derived in part from the notes in "Ute Scraps."
(2) A list of verbs copied from the vocabulary.
(3) A list of conjugated verbs derived from the list of verbs, partly in Powell's hand and partly in the hand of a scribe.
Portions of the vocabulary have been laminated.

Box 3, Folder 9 Ute scraps, undated
Notes: MS 2247-d Ute scraps
Contains:
(1) Notes labeled "Ute Scraps" and "Wanroan" consisting of vocabulary in both longhand and shorthand and a penciled draft of a section of:
Powell, John Wesley and G.W. Ingalls. *Report of Special Commissioners J. W. Powell and G. W. Ingalls on the Condition of the Ute Indians of Utah; the Paiutes of Utah, Northern Arizona, Southern Nevada, and Southeastern California; the Northwestern Shoshones of Idaho and Utah; and the Western Shoshones of Nevada; and Report Concerning Claims of Settlers in the Mo-a-pa Valley, Southeastern Nevada.* Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1874.
(2) Lists of words relating to "the Firmament," "Day," and "Pronouns."
(3) A list of Rio Grande pueblos written on a United States Geographical Survey expense voucher.
(4) Vocabulary notes.

Box 4, Folder 1 [Vocabulary of Utes of White and Uintah Rivers, undated](#)
Notes: MS 796-e Vocabulary of Utes of White and Uintah Rivers
MS 1489 Vocabulary of White River and Uintah River Utes
MS 2116-a Ute vocabulary in Powell's hand

MS 2116-a Vocabulary in Powell's hand

Contains:

- (1) A vocabulary recorded by Powell in black ink with later additions in purple ink.
- (2) A copy of the vocabulary written by Powell on slips and arranged alphabetically in English.
- (3) A copy of the alphabetically arranged vocabulary written by a scribe, with a note by Powell stating "Refer to Prof. W.D. Whitney and J.H Trumbull."

Box 5;

Ute vocabulary, undated

Box 4, Folder 2

Notes: MS 831-a Uintah Ute relationship terms

MS 1446 Ute vocabulary

MS 2247-a A vocabulary of the Ute Language

Contains:

- (1) A vocabulary recorded in a bound volume in the hand of scribe. The vocabulary is likely a compilation of other Powell vocabularies.
- (2) A vocabulary in the hand of a scribe, with terms derived from the bound volume and arranged alphabetically in English. Contains a note stating "Refer to Prof. W.D. Whitney and J.H Trumbull."
- (3) A list of kinship terms labeled "Uintah-Utah" and "Relations (P.U.) worked on new system" derived from the bound volume.

Box 4, Folder 3

Pa-vants Vocabulary given by Ka-nosh (Mo-a-gai'-tup) Playful Spirit, undated

Notes: MS 836-c Pa-vants Vocabulary given by Ka-nosh (Mo-a-gai'-tup, Playful Spirit)

Stories

Notes: Arranged alphabetically.

Box 4, Folder 4

The Origins of the Cañons of the Colorado, undated

Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 39)

Box 4, Folder 5

The So-kus Wai-un-ats or One-two Boys, undated

Notes: MS 828-a The So-kus Wai-un-ats or One-two Boys

Consists of four (4) copies of the story; one is the original in Powell's hand and three are copies.

The story was published in:

Powell, John Wesley. *Explorations of the Colorado River of the West and its Tributaries; Explored in 1869, 1870, 1871, and 1872, Under the Direction of the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution*. Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1875. 116-122.

Powell, John Wesley. "Sketch of the Mythology of the North American Indians." *First Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology, 1879-1880*. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1881. 47-52.

Box 4, Folder 6 The Son of Shin-au-av Pa-vits loves the wife of Kwi-ats, undated
Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 23)

Box 4, Folder 7 [Story of the Eagle, undated](#)
Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 28)

Nuwuvi (Southern Paiute), 1870-1873

Culture: Nuwuvi (Southern Paiute)

Vocabularies and ethnographic notes
Notes: Arranged chronologically.

Box 4, Folder 8 [Paiute linguistic and ethnographic notes], 1873
Notes: MS 831-b Sentences and songs in Paiute and English
Consists of vocabulary, ethnographic notes, and songs in Paiute with English translations. The majority of the material related to Kaibab Southern Paiute and was likely gathered during Powell's trip for the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Box 4, Folder 9 Las Vegas vocabulary, 1873 May-September
Notes: MS 1493 Las Vegas Vocabulary
MS 821 Las Vegas Vocabulary and Grammatic Notes
Contains:
(1) Powell's Paiute vocabulary, derived from material collected in Salt Lake City in May 1873 and in the Las Vegas Valley in September 1873.
(2) A scribe's copy of the vocabulary.
Two pages of Powell's vocabulary have been laminated.

Box 4, Folder 12 Tan-ta-waits vocabulary (Shim-a-wi-va), 1873 September
Notes: MS 7021 Tan-ta-waits vocabulary (Shim-a-wi-va)
Consists of a Chemehuevi vocabulary at Las Vegas.
The vocabulary was found among the papers of John P. Harrington in August 1971.

Box 6, Folder 1-2 [\[Kaibab Paiute vocabularies\], undated](#)
Notes: MS 1491 Kai-vav-wits [Kaibab] dialect of the Shoshoni Language
MS 1494 Kaivawit [Kaibab] vocabulary
MS 2116-b Vocabulary of the Kaibab Southern Paiute dialect of Ute

Contains:

(1) A vocabulary in Powell's hand, semantically arranged. Includes terms for: parts of the body; relationships; (including ordinals); implements and utensils; dress and ornaments; firmament and meteorological phenomena; time; winter moons; geography; places; animals (including birds, reptiles, insects, and fish), colors; plants, fruits, etc.; names of tribes, and proper names; nouns; adjectives; comparison of adjectives; pronouns (including number and cases); verbs; adverbs; prepositions; interjections; prefixes and suffixes; phrases; sprites, spirits; mythological figures; and "To be looked up." Includes material copied from Powell's Journals Nos. 4 and 11 and [Paiute linguistic and ethnographic notes].

(2) A scribe's copy of the vocabulary, semantically arranged. This copy incorporates corrections by Powell, but introduces new errors. This vocabulary omits "Names of tribes and proper names" of the original and adds "Sayings," which is not found in the original.

(3) A scribe's copy of the vocabulary made on slips, arranged in English, and taped onto sheets of paper.

The original vocabulary has been laminated.

	Stories Notes:	Arranged alphabetically.
Box 6, Folder 3	The abandoned boys, undated Notes:	MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 34)
Box 6, Folder 4	Chu-ar-ru-und-pu-run-kunt and the Yu-kuts , undated Notes:	MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 35)
Box 6, Folder 5	Corn is brought to the Earth, 1874 September	
Box 6, Folder 6	The first child born, undated Notes:	MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 21)
Box 6, Folder 7	The flood, undated Notes:	MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 26)
Box 6, Folder 8	How Ai-ai got his wife, undated Notes:	MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 25)
Box 6, Folder 9	Hu-pats visits the Jay Nation on the Kaibab , undated Notes:	MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 36)
Box 6, Folder 10	Ong, Chai-ok and Shinau-av go to a distant mountain to gather pine nuts , undated Notes:	MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 30)

Box 6, Folder 11	Origin of the echo. Pai-Ute, undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 41)
Box 6, Folder 12	Origin of fire, undated Notes: MS 1487 Origin of Fire
Box 6, Folder 13	The origin of the mountains, valleys, cañons, etc., undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 42)
Box 6, Folder 14	Origin of the Pai-Utes, undated Notes: MS 3759 Origin of the Pai-Ute Consists of a Myth in English, with several names in the Kaibab Southern Paiute dialect of Ute, copied from Powell's Journals No. 4.
Box 6, Folder 15	Pu-ni and Ta-vwats, undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 22)
Box 6, Folder 16	Shin-au-av and Nu-wa-pa-kuts, undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 24)
Box 6, Folder 17	Shin-au-av & To-ko-puts, undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 20)
Box 6, Folder 18	Shin-au-av and Yam-puts, undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 38)
Box 6, Folder 19	Shin-au-av Brothers discuss matters of importance to the people, undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 37)
Box 6, Folder 20	Shin-au-av Pa-vits and Tum-pwi-nai-ro-gwi-nump, undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 27)
Box 6, Folder 21	Shin-av [Shin-au-av] and the birds, undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 14)
Box 6, Folder 22	Shu'-ni-am, undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 46)
Box 6, Folder 23	[The So-kus Wai-un-ats or One-Two Boys], undated Notes: MS 2247-c Ute myth A scribe's copy of a story from Powell's Journals No. 4.
Box 6, Folder 24	The son of the younger Shin-au-av is punished for disobedience, undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 32)
Box 6, Folder 25	Songs of the Pai-Utes, undated Notes: MS 831-c Songs of the Pai-Utes

MS 831-d-e Songs of the Pai Utes

Contains:

(1) Songs in Ute with English translation, copied by Powell from Powell Journals No. 4 and another, unidentified source.

(2) Two copies of songs in Ute with English translation, copied by scribes from Powell Journals No. 4, 11, and loose materials as well as [Paiute linguistic and ethnographic notes].

Box 6, Folder 26	Story of Hu-pats and Kom, undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 33)
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Box 6, Folder 27	The story of the moon, undated Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 31)
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Diné (Navajo), 1870

Culture: Diné (Navajo)

Box 7, Folder 1	Council with the Navajo at Fort Defiance, N.M. [New Mexico], 1870 Notes: MS 834 Council at Fort Defiance, N. M. with the Navajos Consists of a transcript in English of a council meeting concerning raids being made against Mormon settlers. Speakers include Barboncito [Diné (Navajo) Chief (also known as Hashké Yich'I Dahilwo)], Captain Bennett [Frank T. Bennett, Indian agent], "H" [Jacob Hamblin], "Capt. H" [unidentified], and "P" [Powell].
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Box 7, Folder 2	Navajo vocabulary, undated Notes: MS 1499 Navajo vocabulary Consists of a scribe's copy of a vocabulary taken from Powells Journals No. 12.
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Hopi, 1870

Culture: Hopi Pueblo

Box 7, Folder 3	[Hopi vocabularies], 1870-1872 Notes: MS 836-g Three Hopi vocabularies Consists of three vocabularies copied from Powell's Journals No. 6. One vocabulary is dated "O-rai-bi 1872."
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Northern Paiute (Paviotso), 1873-1880

Culture: Northern Paiute (Paviotso)

Notes:	Salt Lake City, 1873 Consists of material collected from Naches, one of Powell's Northern Paiute informants, in May 1873 in Salt Lake City.
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Box 7, Folder 4	Vocabulary Notes: MS 822 Pa-vi-o'-tsi vocabulary MS 1490 Pa vi-o-tsi Vocabulary Consists of a "Paviotsi vocabulary recorded from Naches, Salt Lake City, May, 1873' in Powell's hand and a copy in the hand of a scribe. Digitization and preparation of these materials for online access has been funded by the National Science Foundation under BCS Grant No. 1561167 and the Recovering Voices initiative at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.
Box 7, Folder 5	Good and Bad People Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 13)
Box 7, Folder 6	Hu-na is chosen Grave-digger Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 11)
Box 7, Folder 7	I-tsa lets the animals out of the cave Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 7)
Box 7, Folder 8	I-tsa marries his daughter Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 5)
Box 7, Folder 9	I-tsa punished by I-sha Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 10)
Box 7, Folder 10	Ko-ip seeks revenge on I-tsa Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 12)
Box 7, Folder 11	Origin of the moon and length of the year Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 9)
Box 7, Folder 12	Origin of the Numas Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 8)
Box 7, Folder 13	Origin of water Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 2)
Box 7, Folder 14	Pa-o-ha Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 17)
Box 7, Folder 15	Pats-ug the otter is transformed into a fish Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 3)
Box 7, Folder 16	Story of the Sai-du-kas Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 16)
Box 7, Folder 17	Ta-vu has a fight with the sun

	Notes:	MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 1)
Box 7, Folder 18	To-gok and his brother, or Snow, Hail, Rain and Thunder Notes:	MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 4)
Box 7, Folder 19	To-gok procures a Rattle Notes:	MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 15)
Box 7, Folder 20	Wa-na-ta-win-ni and Ni-mi-ap Notes:	MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 18)
	Eastern California and Western Nevada, 1880 Notes:	Consists of linguistic and ethnographic material obtained by Powell at Wadsworth, Winnemucca, and Battle Mountain, Nevada.
Box 7, Folder 21	[Clans of Nevada] Notes:	MS 832 Ethnological and linguistic notes on Paviotso and Shoshoni (Folder 5) Consists of notes by Powell.
Box 7, Folder 22	[Fragmentary notes] Notes:	MS 832 Ethnological and linguistic notes on Paviotso and Shoshoni (Folders 7 and 10) Consists of notes in Powell's hand. The contents of these notes were incorporated into other manuscripts related to Powell's 1880 trip.
Box 7, Folder 23	General discussion. Pa-vi-ot-si Notes:	MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 45)
Box 7, Folder 24	[Lists of Northern Paiute chiefs] Notes:	MS 810 Lists of Northern Paiute chiefs and bands Consists of three separate sets of notes listing Northern Paiute leaders together with names and locations of their respective groups.
Box 7, Folder 25	[Miscellaneous Notes] Notes:	MS 832 Ethnological and linguistic notes on Paviotso and Shoshoni (Folder 2) Consists of notes in Powell's hand.
Box 7, Folder 26	[Names of mountains and rocks] Notes:	MS 832 Ethnological and linguistic notes on Paviotso and Shoshoni (Folder 6)
Box 7, Folder 27	Nu-mu (Pa-vi-it-so) Pai-yu-ti of Humboldt Valley Notes:	MS 832 Ethnological and linguistic notes on Paviotso and Shoshoni (Folder 1)

Consists of ethnographic notes and vocabulary.

Box 7, Folder 28	[Stories] Notes:	<p>MS 838 Ute and Paiute stories</p> <p>Consists of stories obtained by Powell from an unidentified informant during a train trip between Wadsworth or Lovelock and Winnemucca, Nevada.</p> <p>Digitization and preparation of these materials for online access has been funded by the National Science Foundation under BCS Grant No. 1561167 and the Recovering Voices initiative at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.</p>
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Box 7, Folder 29	[Vocabulary] Notes:	<p>MS 827 Numu Western Shoshonee vocabulary in Powell's Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages</p> <p>MS 832 Ethnological and linguistic notes on Paviotso and Shoshoni (Folders 3, 4, 8)</p> <p>Contains:</p> <p>(1) Northern Paiute vocabulary recorded by Powell in a partial <i>Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages schedule (1880)</i>. The vocabulary is titled in Powell's hand "Numu, Western Shoshone, Western Nevada." This title is in error; the vocabulary is not Shoshone. The vocabulary contains the schedules for 1. Persons; 2. Parts of the Body; 17. Kinship; and 25. Number and Gender of Nouns. Four sheets of letterhead stationary with additional notes have been interfiled. A note on Schedule 17. Kinship states "All these terms corrected by extra sheets 1-19" [see (2) below].</p> <p>(2) "Extra sheets" containing kinships terms.</p> <p>(3) Copies of kinship terms copied from Schedule 17. Kinship.</p> <p>Digitization and preparation of these materials for online access has been funded by the National Science Foundation under BCS Grant No. 1561167 and the Recovering Voices initiative at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.</p> <p>The <i>Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages schedule (1880)</i> was laminated and bound by the BAE at an unknown date (circa 1960s). The binding was removed during processing in 2025.</p>
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Shoshone, 1873-1877

Culture: Shoshone

Gosiute, 1873

Notes: Consists of material on the Gosiute obtained in late June or early July near Salt Lake City, Utah from an informant named Seguit from the Skull Valley Gosiute band in western Utah.

Culture: Gosiute

Box 7, Folder 30	[Vocabulary and grammatical notes] Notes: MS 796-d Gosiute vocabulary and grammatical notes MS 2247-b Ute or Gosiute grammatical notes Consists of a vocabulary and notes in Powell's hand and a partial copy in the hand of a scribe.
Box 8, Folder 1	The Disposal of the Widow Notes: MS 1488 The disposal of the widow
Box 8, Folder 2	How Pa-so-wa-vits Won his Wife, 1873 September Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 19)
Box 8, Folder 3	The Origin of the Echo, 1873 May-September Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 40) This story was published in: Powell, John Wesley and American Geographical Society of New York. <i>Outlines of the Philosophy of the North American Indians, Read Before the American Geographical Society, at Chickering Hall, Dec. 29, 1876.</i> New York: Douglas Taylor, Book, Job and Law Printer, 1877. 17-19. and Powell, John Wesley. "Sketch of the Mythology of the North American Indians." <i>First Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology, 1879-1880.</i> Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1881. 45-47.
Box 8, Folder 4	North-western Sho-sho-ne Vocabulary, 1873 Notes: MS 835-a Northwestern Sho-sho-nee Vocabulary Consists of a vocabulary in Powell's hand with no information given as to band or informant. Possibly dated 1873.
Box 8, Folder 5	Weber R. [River] Ute [vocabulary], 1877 Notes: MS 836-e Weber River Ute vocabulary in Powell's Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages Consists of the first 11 pages of an <i>Introduction of the Study of Indian Languages schedule (1877)</i> partially filled with words of the language of the "Weber R. [River] Ute" in Salt Lake collected by Powell in the "Fall of 1877."
Western Shoshone, 1873	
Box 8, Folder 6	To-sau'-wi-hi Vocabulary (Shoshonees of Eastern Nevada) given by Captain Johnson assisted by Naches, 1873 May Notes: MS 836-b To-sau'-wi-hi Vocabulary (Shoshonees of Eastern Nevada) given by Captain Johnson assisted by Naches

Consists of a vocabulary and grammatical items in Tosawih (White Knife) dialect of Shoshone obtained by Powell in Salt Lake City.

Box 8, Folder 7	Nevada Shoshoni [stories] Notes: MS 832 Ethnological and linguistic notes on Paviotso and Shoshoni (Folder 9) Consists of stories and a list of animals appearing in the stories.
Box 8, Folder 8	Pa-vits and Po-nig or the Weasel and Skunk Notes: MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 6)
Box 8, Folder 9	[Partial vocabulary], undated Notes: MS 2247-e Shoshoni vocabulary MS 2248-e Part of a classified vocabulary Consists of a portion of a semantically arranged Shoshone vocabulary and grammatical notes in the hand of a scribe. Headings include: Geographical, Insects, Reptiles, Birds, Pluralization of Adjectives, Pronouns, Verbs.
Box 8, Folder 10	Vocabulary, undated Notes: MS 836-f Shoshoni linguistic data MS 836-f Unidentified vocabulary, Ute (?), Paiute (?) Consists of one page and twenty index cards with vocabulary items. The vocabulary has been variously identified as both Ute and Shoshone.

Mojave (Mohave), 1873 October

Culture: Mojave (Mohave)

Box 8, Folder 11	Ha-muk'-a-ha'-va Vocabulary, Mo-ja-ves, 1873 October Notes: MS 1498 Ha-muk'-a-ha'-va Vocabulary, Mo-ja-ves Consists of a vocabulary of names, verbs and numbers collected in the Las Vegas Valley.
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Wintun, 1880

Culture: Wintun

Box 8, Folder 12-13	[Ethnographic and linguistic notes], 1880 Notes: MS 794-b Wintun myths and legends Consists of Wintun stories and miscellaneous notes and vocabularies. Includes: (1) Contents (2) Introduction (3) Numklactawa creates the Sacramento River
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- (4) Hot, the Great Musician
- (5) Vegetal food provided
- (6) Light and Darkness
- (7) [Ages of the Wintuns]
- (8) Thunder and Lightning
- (9) The Wind Maker
- (10) The Origin of the Rainy Season
- (11) Sed-it is caught in a tree: a Tar-baby Story
- (12) Ber-rit- the Giant of Mt. Shasta
- (13) Blue-jay, the Medicine Woman
- (14) The Buzzard aspires to the Chief
- (15) The Comet-Goddess
- (16) Whirlwinds
- (17) Wak-porc, the God of Fire
- (18) Wo-mul-num-kai-a, the Red-headed Woodpecker
- (19) To-ri-has, the Bald Eagle
- (20) The Great Magician
- (21) Bul-ti-hok, the Screech Owl
- (22) Tul-tcu-her-ris
- (23) [No-dal-mo-no-ko, an orphan]
- (24) Lightning and Thunder & other stories
- (25) [Ka-het, the Monster Bat]
- (26) A Partial manuscript including numbered pages 17, 32, and 38 to 50.
- (27) Notes on medicine, word lists, and lists of informants from whom Wintun Mythology was procured.

Yana, 1881

Culture: Yana

Box 8, Folder 14

Noje, 1881

Notes:

MS 3750 Noje [Yana] vocabularies and stories

MS 3750 Vocabularies and stories

Consists of a short vocabulary and stories.

Euchee (Yuchi), undated

Culture: Euchee (Yuchi)

Box 8, Folder 15 [Uchi, undated](#)
Notes: MS 1004 Uchi vocabulary
 Consists of a vocabulary in Powell's hand.

Comparative Philologies, undated

Scope and Consists of a series of six (6) comparative vocabulary lists.
Contents:

Box 8, Folder 16 No. 1 English and U-in'-ta-ats
Notes: MS 796-a Comparative Philology, English and U-in'-ta-ats 1

Box 8, Folder 17 No. 2 Yam'-pa-ats and Pa-vants
Notes: MS 796-b Comparative Philology, Yam'-pa-ats and Pa-vants 2

Box 9, Folder 1 No. 3 Wi'-mi-nu'-ints and Kai-vav-its
Notes: MS 1495 Comparative Philology, Wi'-mi-nu'-ints and Kai-vav-its

Box 9, Folder 2 No. 4 Nu-a'-gun-tits and Chem-a-hue-vis
Notes: MS 1496 Comparative Philology, Nu-a'-gun-tits and Chem-a-hue-vis

Box 9, Folder 3 No. 5 Go'-si Ute and To-sau'-wi-hi
Notes: MS 836-a Comparative Philology of Go'-si Ute and To-sau'-wi-hi

Box 9, Folder 4 No. 6 Pa'-vi-o-tso and O-rai'-bi
Notes: MS 1492 Comparative Philology, Pa'-vi-o-tso and O-rai'-bi

Artifact collections, 1877, undated

Scope and Consists of material related to Powell's object collections.
Contents:

Box 9, Folder 5 Pueblo Indian Pottery. The collections of pottery made by Major J.W. Powell, described and compared with existing and ancient forms, 1877 April 7
Creator: Blake, William P. (William Phipps), 1826-1910
Notes: MS 1193 Pueblo Indian Pottery. The collections of pottery made by Major J.W. Powell, described and compared with existing and ancient forms
 MS 1193 Remarks on Pottery Collection [Pueblo?] of J. W. Powell.
 Consists of a proposal by Blake for a study of Pueblo Indian pottery with a focus on Powell's collection.

Box 9, Folder 6 Catalogue of Indian Arts for the Normal Museum, undated
Notes: MS 1175 Catalogue of Indian Arts (Specimens) for the Normal Museum

Consists of a list of artifacts donated by Powell to the Normal Museum (now held by Illinois State University), including a brief description in English, "Indian Name," tribe, and location.

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United States Geological Survey (USGS), 1890-1893

Scope and Contents: This series contains materials related to Powell's work with the USGS.

Box 9, Folder 7 ["Bone Wars" controversy and attacks on USGS], 1890
Notes: MS 4024-e Replies to attacks on the U. S. Geological Survey, and other explanatory writings concerning the survey
Contains:
(1) Typescript draft response with hand-written corrections to attacks on USGS.
(2) Small scrapbook of newspaper clippings from the *New York Herald*.
The material was sent to the BAE Archives from the BAE Director's office, December 29, 1959.

Box 9, Folder 8 Fourteenth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey to the Secretary of the Interior, 1892-1893
Notes: MS 7250 United States Geological Survey annual report, 1892-1893
Consists of a letterpress copy of a portion of:
U.S. Geological Survey. *Fourteenth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey to the Secretary of the Interior, 1892-1893*. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1893.
Transferred from the Smithsonian Archives to the National Anthropological Archives in April 1977.

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Reports and Writing, 1872-1901

Scope and Contents: This series contains drafts of articles, reports, books, and other publications, as well as reprints of published articles and lecture notes and transcripts.

Arrangement: The series is arranged into three (3) sub-series: (1) Drafts and unpublished works; (2) Lectures; and (3) Reprints.

Drafts and unpublished works, 1872-1896

Box 9, Folder 9 The Seven Ancient Cities on the Cliffs of Arizona, 1872
Notes: MS 4024-g Miscellaneous material (No. 1)
 Consists of an incomplete article "written [?] on the train of UPRR [Union Pacific Railroad] in 1872."

Box 9, Folder 10 Indians West of the Rocky Mountains: Statement of Major J. W. Powell, Made Before the Committee on Indian Affairs, as to the Condition of the Indian Tribes West of the Rocky Mountains, 1874
Notes: MS 4024-g Miscellaneous material (No. 8)
 Consists of an incomplete transcript of Powell's testimony before Congress.
 Powell's testimony was published as:

Indians West of the Rocky Mountains: Statement of Major J. W. Powell, Made Before the Committee on Indian Affairs, as to the Condition of the Indian Tribes West of the Rocky Mountains. House of Representatives, 43rd Congress, 1st Session, Miscellaneous Document, no. 86.

Box 9, Folder 11 [Letter to J. Hammond Trumbull], 1876 January 20
Addressee: Trumbull, J. Hammond (James Hammond), 1821-1897
Notes: MS 3886 Letter to J. H. Trumbull
 Consists of a letter from Powell to Trumbull concerning Powell's studies of the various Shoshonean dialects, his recording of Ute mythology, grammatical notes, and the preparation of map showing tribal distribution.

Box 9, Folder 12 [Letter of transmittal for Contributions to North American Ethnology Vol 3 and related documents], 1876 November
Creator: Powers, Stephen, 1840-1904
Notes: MS 3122 Material regarding estimates of the aboriginal population of California
 Contains:

(1) Letter from Powers to Powell defending his estimates of the indigenous population of California, dated November 24, 1876 [crossed out and replaced with "Nov. 3"], Waterford, Wash Co. [Washington County], Ohio.

(2) Draft letter of transmittal from Powell to the Secretary of the Interior, forwarding the manuscript of *Contributions to North American Ethnology* Vol 3 and Powers' letter.

(3) Lists of California tribes and languages and population estimates.

Box 9, Folder 13 Classification of Indian Tribes in Alaska, 1878 November 9
 Creator: Dall, William Healey, 1845-1927
 Notes: MS 1336 Miscellaneous notes and partial lists of the native Indian population of the Southwest and of Alaska
 Consists of Powell's draft of a report to Smith and related notes, including information compiled by Dall.
 The report was published in:
 Powell, John Wesley. "Classification of Indian Tribes in Alaska." *Annual Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Secretary of the Interior, for the Year 1875*. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1875. 202-205.

Box 9, Folder 14 [Letter concerning the Uintah reservation], 1880 February
 Addressee: Teller, Henry Moore, 1830-1914
 Notes: MS 3751 Letter to Senator H. M. Teller concerning the Uintah Reservation
 MS 4024-g Miscellaneous material (No. 5)
 Consists of two copies (one incomplete) of a letter from Powell to Senator Teller comprising a report on the Uinta Reservation of Utah Territory.

Box 9, Folder 15 [Report on archaeological and ethnographic investigations in the Southwest], 1880
 Notes: MS 4024-g Miscellaneous material (No. 3 and No. 4)
 Contains:
 (1) Draft of the report.
 (2) Letter press copy of the report. The letter press copy is badly blurred and mostly illegible.
 The report was sent to the Benjamin Wilson, U.S. Representative for West Virginia, on March 27, 1880

Box 9, Folder 16 [Pueblo Indians], 1880
 Notes: MS 4024-g Miscellaneous material (No. 7)
 Consists of Powell's draft of an article later edited by Otis T. Mason and published as:
 Powell, John Wesley. "Anthropology [of the] Pueblo Indians." *The American Naturalist* 14, no. 8 (1880): 603–9.

Box 9, Folder 17 Wyandotte Government, A Short Study of Tribal Society, 1881
 Notes: MS 1344 Wyandotte Government, A Short Story of Tribal Society
 MS 3531 Manuscript on Wyandot government

Consists of three (3) drafts of a paper, in the handwriting of Powell and a scribe.

Published in:

Powell, John Wesley. "Wyandot Government: A Short Study of Tribal Society." *First Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology, 1879-1880*. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1881. 57-69.

Powell, John Wesley. "Wyandotte Government -- A Short Study of Tribal Society." *Abstract of Transactions of the Anthropological Society of Washington, D.C.* Washington, DC: National Republican Printing House, 1881. 76-92.

Powell, John Wesley. "Wyandotte Government. A Short Study of Tribal Society." *American Association for the Advancement of Science, 29th Meeting at Boston, August, 1880, Proceedings*. Salem, Massachusetts: Salem Press, 1881. 675-688.

Box 10, Folder 1

Letter to the Editor of Science, 1887 June 7

Notes:

MS 4024-h Biographical notes on Major Powell (part)

Consists of a typescript copy of a letter from Powell to "the Editor of Science" in response to a "circular of interrogatories relating to the subject-matter of the editorial comment in *Science* of May 27."

Box 10, Folder 2

Chuar's Illusion, 1896

Notes:

MS 4024-a Incomplete typed copy of "Chapter I. Chuar's Illusion"

Consists of an incomplete typescript draft.

Published in:

Powell, John Wesley. "Certitudes and Illusions." *Science* 3, no. 60 (1896): 263-71.

and

Powell, John Wesley. "Chuar's Illusion." *The Open Court* 12, no. 10 (1898): 577-581

and

Powell, John Wesley. *Truth and Error: Or, The Science of Intellection* Chicago: Open Court publishing Company, 1898.

Box 10, Folder 3

Geographic Names

Notes:

MS 3902 List of geographic names alphabetically arranged

Consists of a list of place names, combining English and native terms, arranged alphabetically in the hand of a scribe.

Box 10, Folder 4-5

Life and Culture of the Ute, undated

Annotator:

Hewitt, J. N. B. (John Napoleon Brinton), 1859-1937

Notes:

MS 830 The Life and Culture of the Ute

MS 794-a Ute and Paiute legends (No. 44)

Consists of a portions of a manuscript which may have been intended to published as "Report on Indians of the Numa Stock" *Contributions to North American Ethnology* Vol 4. This report was never published.

Twenty-two (22) sections were compiled by Hewitt and subsequent BAE staff. Sections 2 and 3 were removed to a different manuscript collection in the 1950s; Section 22 is a related lecture and was removed at the time of processing in 2025. The remaining sections are:

- (1) Games and amusements; in the hand of a scribe with a typescript copy
- (2,3) [Paiute Songs and Chants; transferred in 1959 to MS 831-c and MS 831-d; now Series 1: Research--Southern Paiute--Songs of the Pai-Utes];
- (4) Means of Subsistence; in the hand of a scribe with a typescript copy
- (5) Migration; in the hand of a scribe with a typescript copy
- (6) Home; in the hand of a scribe with a typescript copy
- (7) Government; in the hand of a scribe with a typescript copy
- (8) Fear of the insane; in Powell's hand with a typescript copy
- (9) Treatment of the sick; in the hand of a scribe with a typescript copy
- (10) Treatment of the aged; in Powell's hand
- (11) Killing the doctor (told by Naches, Salt Lake City, May, 1873); in Powell's hand with a typescript copy
- (12) The boundaries of the earth; in the hand of a scribe with a typescript copy
- (13) Na-gun'-tu-wip, the home of the departed spirits; in the hand of a scribe with a typescript copy
- (14) Methods of marrying; in the hand of a scribe with a typescript copy
- (15) Selection of food; in the hand of a scribe
- (16) The morning address; in the hand of a scribe with a typescript copy
- (17) Some of their faculties; in Powell's hand with a typescript copy
- (18) Notes on the gentes; in shorthand
- (19) Mythology of the Numas; in Powell's hand with a typescript copy
- (20) Pine nuts are brought from a distant country; in the hand of a scribe
- (21) Burying customs (told by Naches, Salt Lake City, 1873); in Powell's hand with a typescript copy
- (22) [Religion of the Utes; now Series 3: Reports and Writing--Lectures--Life and Culture of the Utes]

An additional document in Powell's hand titled "Spirits &c" refers to the chapters "Treatment of the sick" and "Treatment of aged" and was most likely intended to be included in the published report.

	Notes:	MS 4024-g Miscellaneous material (No. 2) Consists of a draft of notes on how the United States federal government should best manage the indigenous population.
Box 10, Folder 7	[Notes on social organization], undated Notes:	MS 4024-g Miscellaneous material (No. 6)
Box 10, Folder 8-9; Box 11, Folder 1	Truth and Error Notes:	MS 4024-b Portions of Major Powell's treatise on Philosophy Consists of an incomplete draft of: Powell, John Wesley. <i>Truth and Error: Or, The Science of Intellection</i> . Chicago: Open Court Publishing Company, 1898. The text is typewritten on index cards with hand-written corrections.

Lectures, 1874-1883

Box 11, Folder 2	Life and Culture of the Ute, 1874-1878 Notes:	MS 798 Indian Life MS 830 The Life and Culture of the Ute (Section 22) MS 4024-g Miscellaneous material (Section 9) Consists of versions of "Life and Culture of the Ute" most likely written to be read as a lectures. One document has the note "read before Philosophical Society Washington D.C. somewhen [?] late in April or early in May 1874."
Box 11, Folder 3	The Rank of Indian Languages, 1880 Notes:	MS 3903 Text of addresses given by J.W. Powell on "The Marriage Institution in Tribal Society" and "The Rank of Indian Languages" MS 3903 Report of an address Consists of a lecture delivered by Powell at the Boston Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. A portion of the text was published in: Powell, John Wesley and Smithsonian Institution. <i>Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages, with Words, Phrases and Sentences to Be Collected</i> . Washington: Government Printing Office, 1880. 69-74c.
Box 11, Folder 4	Marriage Institutions in Tribal Society, 1883 Notes:	MS 3903 Text of addresses given by J.W. Powell on "The Marriage Institution in Tribal Society" and "The Rank of Indian Languages" MS 3903 Report of an address Consists of a lecture delivered by Powell in New Haven, Connecticut and includes a note of transmittal from C. D. Gedney, dated November 21, 1883.

Reprints, 1877-1901

Box 11, Folder 5-6

Box 12, Folder 1-3

Local MS 4024-f Reprints of 22 published articles by John Wesley Powell

Numbers:

Scope and Consists of reprints of articles by Powell.

Contents:

Acquisition Information: The bulk of the reprints were transferred from the Bureau of American Ethnology Library to the Bureau of American Ethnology Archives in 1954. Photocopies of additional reprints were donated to the National Anthropological Archives by the National Geographic Society in 1969.

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Personal, 1867-1907

Scope and Contents: This series contains Powell's personal material, including correspondence, financial records, honors and awards, and a few photographs.

Box 12, Folder 4 [Biographical sketch of] Professor John W. Powell, 1882
 Creator: Ward, Lester F. (Lester Frank), 1841-1913
 Notes: MS 4024-h Biographical notes on Major Powell (part)
 Consists of a typescript draft with handwritten edits [by Powell?] of a biography of Powell published as:
 Ward, Lester F. "Sketch of Professor John W. Powell." *Popular Science Monthly* 20 (1882): 390-397.

Correspondence, 1867-1907

Box 12, Folder 5 Letters from Powell, 1867-1896, undated
 Notes: MS 4024-b Portions of Major Powell's treatise on Philosophy (part)
 MS 7134 Letter to Cornelius Cadle
 MS 7233 Letters to Dr. Richard Edwards
 Contains:
 (1) Three (3) letters to Richard Edwards, President of the Illinois State Normal College, dated 1867-1869.
 (2) Photocopy of a letter to Cornelius Cadle, concerning Powell's experiences at the Battle of Shiloh, dated May 15, 1896. The original letter is held in the Shiloh Military Park correspondence files.
 (3) Typed draft of a letter from Powell inquiring about the possible republication of *The Canyons of Colorado*.
 The letters to Richard Edwards were received from George H. Edwards in 1976.
 The letter to Cornelius Cadle was received from Bruce Smith, October 28, 1980.

Box 12, Folder 6 Letters to Powell, 1880-1907, undated
 Notes: MS 4024-c Personal letters received by John Wesley Powell
 MS 4749 Letter to Major J. W. Powell
 Contains:
 (1) Becker, George Ferdinand. San Francisco, California. June 24, 1884. Asking to be relieved of an inefficient clerical helper.
 (2) Bell, Alexander G. Washington, D. C. December 17, 1884. Invitation to dinner.
 (3) Croly, Mrs. D. G. [Jane Cunningham]. New York City. 1884. Requesting photographs for an "International Bazar" at Cassel [Kassel], Germany.

- (4) Curtain, Jeremiah. undated. Concerning the history of the name "Powell."
- (5) Cushing, Frank Hamilton. Shelter Island, New York. October 31, 1885. Expressing appreciation for Powell's consideration during Cushing's illness.
- (6) Grant, Ulysses S. New York City. August 23, 1883. Requesting a job for a widow.
- (7) Horsford, Eben N. Cambridge, England. November 19, 1883. Expressing strong interest in Cushing's field work and notes, and concern for his health.
- (8) McDonald, J. Wade. Winfield, Kansas. January 6, 1896. Concerning Powell's "The Organization of Scientific Work."
- (9) Minot, Charles F. Boston, Massachusetts. November 7, 1884. Enclosing letters referring to chairmanship of Committee on the International Congress. (Letters returned.)
- (10) Nestler, Julius. Prague, Austria. November 17, 1907 [sic]. Concerning his proposed expedition to Bolivia.
- (11) Niblack, S. S. to Hon. W. Call. Lake City, Florida. January 19, 1884. Enclosed with letter to Powell (missing) and regarding employment of one of Niblack family.
- (12) Owen, Edward T. Madison, Wisconsin. May 7, 1901. Transmitting his article on pronouns.
- (13) Parkman, F[rancis]. Boston. April 12, 1882. Concerning Bandelier's expeditions; and impression of F. H. Cushing.
- (14) Penafiel, Antonio. Mexico City. February 27, 1886. Transmitting publications. Includes English translation.
- (15) Powell, Joseph. Towanda, Pennsylvania. May 13, 1884. Genealogical inquiry.
- (16) Powers, Stephen. Waterford, Ohio. December 31, 1880. Acknowledging receipt of the second edition of *Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages* and providing updates on his family and employment.
- (17) Sayles, Ira. Strawberry Plains, Tennessee. August 16, 1885. Enclosing 2 poems on Ulysses S. Grant.
- (18) Shaler, N. S. Cambridge, Massachusetts. October 17 and 26, 1886. Social invitations.
- (19) Spencer, Herbert. Bayswater, W., England. July 2, 1883. Expressing interest in the Annual Reports of the Bureau of American Ethnology.
- (20) Tylor, Edward B. Oxford, England. May 16 and October 17, 1884. Concerning his trip to the U. S. and Canada.
- (21) Vogdes, Anthony Wayne. Governor's Island, New York. October 2, 1884. Concerning an attack on a party of hunters circa 1873 by Sioux Indians near Fort Fetterman.

(22) Walcott, Charles D. New York City. July 28, 1881. Concerning an increase in salary.

(23) Walker, Francis A., Supt. [Superintendent] of Census. Washington, D. C. August, 7, 1880. Enclosing a letter William H. Hare to Gen. Walker regarding the conduct of Samuel D. Hinma, August 3, 1880, 1 page. The enclosure is missing.

(24) Welling, James C. Washington, D. C. September 7 and October 3, 1884. Concerning Powell's making Inaugural Address at the new "School of Science and Arts" [Corcoran Scientific School of Columbian University].

Most of the letters were transferred to Bureau of American Ethnology Archives from the Bureau of American Ethnology Director's office in 1957.

Financial records, 1871-1901

Notes: MS 4453 John Wesley Powell receipts

MS 4453 Personal receipts

Consists primarily of Powell's receipts for a variety of purchases, including books, clothing, household goods, and memberships in professional associations. Also includes cancelled checks, check stubs, and bank books.

Box 12, Folder 7

Bank books, 1883-1895

Notes: MS 4453 John Wesley Powell receipts (part)

Contains:

(1) Two (2) bank books, dated 1883-1886 and 1886-1895.

(3) Four (4) check stub books, dated 1885; 1890-1893; 1891-1892; and 1893-1894.

Box 13, Folder 1-5

Cancelled checks, returned checks, deposit slips, 1879-1901

Box 14, Folder 1

Government disbursements, 1871-1893

Notes: Consists of receipts and invoices for expenses related to the U.S. Geological and Geographical Survey, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Bureau of Ethnology found among Powell's personal records. Includes an invoice for photographic equipment for Powell's 1871 trip to the Colorado River.

Receipts

Box 14, Folder 2

Booksellers, bookbinders, printers, publishers, 1879-1892

Box 14, Folder 3

Dry goods, clothing, tailors, jewelers, 1879-1898

Box 14, Folder 4

Grocers, caterers, tobacconists, 1879-1898

Box 14, Folder 5-6

Horses and carriages, 1879-1898

Box 14, Folder 7	Household goods and services, 1879-1898
Box 14, Folder 8	Medical, dental, and pharmaceutical goods and services, 1881-1897
Box 15, Folder 1-2	Professional associations and clubs, 1874-1898
Box 14, Folder 3	Subscriptions, 1879-1894
Box 14, Folder 4	Other, 1879-1894
Map-folder 2-5	Honors, certificates, and awards, 1872-1895 Notes: MS 7249 Honors, certificates, and awards given to John Wesley Powell Consists of honorary degrees, diplomas, membership certificates, and other awards presented to Powell by various American and international organizations, along with related correspondence. The material was donated to the Smithsonian Institution by Emma Dean Powell in May 1904. It was transferred from the Smithsonian Archives to the National Anthropological Archives in April 1977.
Photographs, 1881-circa 1890, undated	
Box 14, Folder 5	Cartes-de-visite, 1881, undated Notes: MS 4453 John Wesley Powell receipts (part) Consists of cartes-de-visite of Carl Christian Ochsenius and Hanns Bruno Geinitz. Ochsenius is inscribed "To Major J. W. Powell U.S. Chief geologist. Washington. with best respects from Carl Ochsenius. Germany. 11.15.1881."
Box 16	Portraits, circa 1890 Notes: NAA Photo Lot 68 Portraits of John Wesley Powell, circa 1890 Consists of five (5) enlarged albumen, silver gelatin, and platinum prints made from studio portraits of John Wesley Powell. One of the portraits is by Charles Parker of Washington, D.C. Additional portraits of Powell held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 33 , and Photo Lot 39 .
Box 14, Folder 6	Railroad passes, 1879-1882 Notes: MS 4453 John Wesley Powell receipts (part)

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