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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 833 Kickapoo texts from Joseph Murdock
Date:	1929, 1967
Identifier:	NAA.MS833
Creator:	Michelson, Truman, 1879-1938 (Collector) Murdock, Joseph Abraham, Alice (Translator)
Extent:	39 Pages
Language:	In Kickapoo and English.
Digital Content:	Digital Content: Kickapoo texts from Joseph Murdock Image(s): MS 833 Kickapoo texts from Joseph Murdock

Administrative Information

Provenance

English translations by Alice Abraham mailed to Paul H. Voorhis, who in turn sent them to the NAA.

Available Formats

Microfilm- Sol Tax- 9/11/56; University of Michigan-Anthropology, 10/52.

Available Formats

Digital surrogates are available online.

Citation

Manuscript 833, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Scope and Contents

Notebook containing Kickapoo syllabic texts handwritten in 1929 by Joseph Murdock, a Mexican Kickapoo residing in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Also English translations dictated by Alice Abraham of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and handwritten by her granddaughter Susan in 1967. The texts include a story of why rabbits only have fat on their shoulders and an anecdote from Murdock's courtship days. Other texts are on a virginity test, marriage and natal customs, joking relationships, and father and mother-in-law taboos. The notebook also contains 2 pages of linguistic notes in phonetic transcription with English translations.

Local Numbers

NAA MS 833

Local Note

Title changed from "Kickapoo Legends and ethnology 1929" 6/10/2014.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Birth customs
- Ethnology
- Indians of North America -- Northeast
- Interpersonal relations
- Joking relationships
- Kickapoo
- Kickapoo language
- Kikapoo, Kikapú
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Linguistics
- Marriage customs and rites

Cultures:

- Kickapoo

Types of Materials:

- Folklore
- Manuscripts
- Narratives

Places:

- Shawnee (Okla.)