

Pliny Earle Goddard American Indian notebooks 4078814

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Goddard, Pliny Earle, 1869-1928
Creator:	Sapir, Edward, 1884-1939
Title:	Pliny Earle Goddard American Indian notebooks
ID:	4078814
ID:	MS#0492
Date [inclusive]:	1901-1929
Physical Description:	2 linear feet 33 notebooks in 4 half-manuscript boxes
Language of the Material:	English , Navajo , Athapascan (Other) .

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Pliny Earle Goddard American Indian notebooks; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Anthropologist. Goddard held several curatorial positions with the American Museum of Natural History from 1909 to 1928. In 1914 he became Curator of Ethnology and from 1915 to 1928 he was a Lecturer in Anthropology at Columbia University. A remembrance in the *American Anthropologist* (<https://anthrosource.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1525/aa.1929.31.1.02a00020>, Vol. 31, No. 1, January-March 1929) includes a bibliography.

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Scope and Content

Thirty-three notebooks containing transcriptions of Native American texts by Pliny Earle Goddard, and some English translations. While some of the material is of a primarily linguistic nature, much is folkloric in nature. The collection contains eleven notebooks of Mescalero Apache texts; three notebooks of Pomo, Maple Creek, and Mad River tribes and four of the Coquille, Chasta Costa, and Tututni languages (Native American tribes from the Pacific Coast); five notebooks of Navajo texts; and ten notebooks of Sarsi texts. It also includes 23 pages of notes on Chasta Costa attributed to Edward Sapir.

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Revision Description

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Restrictions on Access

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Accession number--M-59.

Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 06/--/89.

Processing Information

Notebooks were individually housed in four-flap enclosures by conservation. The collection was rehoused into four half-manuscript boxes. kws 2022-08-12

Processing Information

Numbers and series were assigned based on information written on the notebook covers by Kevin Schlottmann in August 2022. This information may be subject to change based on future expert review of the notebooks.

Existence and Location of Copies

Materials have been digitized. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Related Materials

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Additional field notebooks from Goddard are found in the Melville Jacobs papers at the University of Washington (<https://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv95437#dscID>), specifically three Galice Athabaskan notebooks and four Lassik Athabaskan notebooks.

Related Materials

Additional field notebooks from Goddard are found in the American Council of Learned Societies Committee on Native American Languages at the American Philosophical Society: <https://search.amphilsoc.org/collections/view?docId=ead/Mss.497.3.B63c-ead.xml>

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Controlled Access Headings

- Mescalero Indians -- Folklore
- Mescalero language -- Texts
- Navajo Indians -- Folklore
- Navajo language -- Texts
- Sarsi Indians -- Folklore
- Sarsi language -- Texts
- Indians of North America -- Languages -- Translations into English
- Indians of North America -- Folklore
- Linguistics -- United States
- Ethnology
- Anthropology
- American Museum of Natural History -- Employees
- Columbia University -- Employees

Collection Inventory

Series I: Mescalero		
Title/Description	Instances	
Mescalero 1, 1917	box 1	item 1
General		
Digital identifier: cul:fqz612jnwmm		
Mescalero 2, 1906	box 1	item 2
General		
Digital identifier: cul:pc866t1hm4		
Mescalero 3, 1909	box 1	item 3

General

Digital identifier: cul:xwdbrv1732

Mescalero 4, 1909	box 1	item 4
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General

Digital identifier: cul:79cnp5hrwv

Mescalero 5, 1909	box 1	item 5
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General

Digital identifier: cul:83bk3j9n18

Mescalero 6, 1908	box 1	item 6
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General

Digital identifier: cul:4xgxd255vc

Mescalero 7, 1906	box 1	item 7
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General

Digital identifier: cul:00000001mp

Mescalero 8, 1906	box 1	item 8
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General

Digital identifier: cul:73n5tb2sx9

Mescalero 9, 1906	box 1	item 9
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General

Digital identifier: cul:2jm63xskqc

Mescalero 10, 1906	box 2	item 10
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General

Digital identifier: cul:qz612jm7rg

Mescalero 11, 1906	box 2	item 11
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General

Digital identifier: cul:pk0p2nggn3

Mescalero 12, 1901	box 2	item 12
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General

Digital identifier: cul:0zpc866vp2

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Title/Description	Instances	
Maple Creek General Digital identifier: cul:dr7sqv9ts0	box 2	item 13
Mad River General Digital identifier: cul:gxd2547fvp Scope and Contents Based on evidence internal to the item (handwriting, attribution on cover), this notebook is most likely by Alfred L. Kroeber.	box 2	item 14
Coquille 1 General Digital identifier: cul:wstqjq2f3v	box 2	item 15
Coquille 2 General Digital identifier: cul:7pvmcvdqkr	box 2	item 16
Chasta Costa General Digital identifier: cul:j3tx95x8jz	box 2	item 17
Chasta Costa - Edward Sapir notes Scope and Contents In September 2022, 23 pages of notes attributed to Edward Sapir were discovered tucked into the back of Goddard's Chasta Costa notebook. These were removed, placed in a separate folder, and assigned item number 34 in the collection	box 2	item 34

General

Digital identifier: cul:x95x69pbq6

Tututni box 2 item 18
General

Digital identifier: cul:9zw3r22b8r

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Published in Anthropological Papers of the American Museum of Natural History, vol. 34, pt. 1, pp. 1-179, 1933. Digital version of published text: <https://digitallibrary.amnh.org/handle/2246/231>. Per the introduction of the published text, "The Navajo texts were collected in 1923 and 1924 by Doctor Pliny Earle Goddard [...] Doctor Goddard had recorded the texts at the dictation of Sandoval, a Navajo, learned in his lore, but not a medicineman."

Scope and Contents

The page order for these notebooks is not always clear, as they are not paginated. If upon consulting a digital copy the page order seems unclear or incorrect, please contact rbml@columbia.edu to request a review of the physical item.

Title/Description	Instances	
Navajo 1	box 2	item 19
General		
Digital identifier: cul:08kpr50sr		
Navajo 2, 1923	box 3	item 20
General		
Digital identifier: cul:9zw3r22bcg		
Navajo 3, 1924-1925	box 3	item 21
General		
Digital identifier: cul:8kpr4xk8n		
Navajo 4, 1924	box 3	item 22
General		
Digital identifier: cul:3bk3j9kgj4		
Navajo 5	box 3	item 23

General

Digital identifier: cul:s1rn8pk2zd

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Published in University of California Publications in American Archaeology and Ethnology, vol. 11, pp. 189-277, 1915. Digital version of published text: <https://archive.org/details/universityof11univ/page/188/mode/2up>. Per the introduction of the published text, "The texts here presented were collected during the summer of 1905. [...] The larger number of these texts were revised in 1911 with the aid of Charlie Crowchief, who was the interpreter used in obtaining them originally. [...] The main informant was Eagle-ribs, a man then about 65 years old. As he says in one of his narratives, he ranked as a chief according to the old order."

Title/Description	Instances	
Sarsi 1	box 3	item 24
General		
Digital identifier: cul:9w0vt4bb9g		
Sarsi 2	box 3	item 25
General		
Digital identifier: cul:zgmsbcc48x		
Sarsi 3	box 4	item 26
General		
Digital identifier: cul:9kd51c5cs4		
Sarsi 4	box 4	item 27
General		
Digital identifier: cul:zpc866t39f		
Sarsi 5	box 4	item 28
General		
Digital identifier: cul:p5hqbzkjxz		
Sarsi 6	box 4	item 29
General		
Digital identifier: cul:79cnp5hs5h		
Sarsi 7	box 4	item 30

General

Digital identifier: cul:7h44j0zr77

Sarsi 8

box 4

item 31

General

Digital identifier: cul:8w9ghx3hct

Sarsi 9

box 4

item 32

General

Digital identifier: cul:m0cfpxns5

Sarsi 10, 1911

box 4

item 33

General

Digital identifier: cul:zw3r2282cg

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