








National Anthropological Archives & Human Studies Film Archives

The National Anthropological Archives (NAA) and Human Studies Film Archives (HSFA) collect and preserve historical and contemporary anthropological materials that document the world's cultures and the history of anthropology.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE NAA

-  Holds collection relating to the four fields: cultural/social anthropology, archaeology, physical/biological anthropology, and linguistics.
-  Is the oldest archives in the Smithsonian, dating to the 1879 founding of the Bureau of Ethnology and its archives.
-  Holds 13,000 cubic feet of collections, including over **1,000,000** photographs, **4000** sound recordings, over **5000** works of art, and over **7000** collections of anthropological manuscripts, personal papers, and organizational and institutional records.

FUN FACTS ABOUT HSFA

-  Holds 7,050,000 feet (**over 3,000 hours**) of archival original film, 1,500 hours of video tape, 250,000 still images—if you count frames of film, it's more like 14 billion.
-  Oldest film: Dixon-Wanamaker Expedition to Crow Agency, 1908.
-  Most unusual video format: 9.5mm - widely used in Europe as an amateur film format.
-  (Arguably) Most unusual film: Pig Decomposition Film, a 6 minute film made by Dr. Jerry Payne as part of his graduate work at Clemson University. This was the first “detailed” study of succession in animal decomposition.
-  Biggest single collection: John Marshall Ju/'hoan Bushman Film and Video Collection, 1950-2000, 714,405 feet (332 hours) of archival original film and 391 hours of original video.

LOCATION

The NAA and HSFA are located in the Smithsonian Institution's Museum Support Center in Suitland, Maryland, the primary collections and research center for the National Museum of Natural History.

VISITING

The NAA and HSFA are open to researchers by appointment Tuesday-Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, and staff are available to assist researchers remotely via email and telephone.

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Human Studies Film Archives
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Tips for searching our online catalogs siris.si.edu and collections.si.edu

Try searching for keywords: individual names, places, regions, cultural group, etc. When you find records you're interested in make sure to note the “cite as” field (shown in the images page 3)—this is the most important piece of information for our archival staff.

Search and explore the incredible collections of the NAA and HSFA through
Collections Research Center
collections.si.edu

Enter desired keywords (collection names, individuals' names, cultural groups,
region, etc.) and hit "search".

Search over 9.6 million records of museum objects, archives and library materials including more than 1.4 million online media files.

Search

Search Highlights

- Japanese Art
- Chinese Art
- Korean Art
- Videos of Asian Pacific American Program
- Images of Asian Americans
- Interviews of Asian American

Browse by Category

Items on Exhibit

Find out what's included under each category.

Art & Design

Below are lists of our top record types and names in our Art & Design category.

Types:	see all	Names:	see all
Paintings	(550891)	Freer, Charles Lang	(9985)
Exhibition catalogs	(137040)	Herzfeld, Ernst	(7654)
Sculpture (visual work)	(119442)	Washington, George	(4766)
Drawings	(82737)	Sully, Thomas	(4735)
Prints	(57521)	Catlin, George	(4410)
Photographs	(40646)	Singer, Paul	(4295)
Outdoor sculpture	(39145)	Sargent, John Singer	(4153)
Decorative arts	(33086)	Muller, Robert O.	(4054)
Archival materials	(31973)	Inness, George	(3481)
Still lifes	(22737)	Stuart, Gilbert	(3259)

History & Culture

Science & Technology

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Tips for searching:

The results will be from all Smithsonian institutions, so you can limit them to the “National Anthropological Archives” by selecting it in the “catalog record source” tab in the left bar menu (shown below). You can also limit your results by type (photographs, documents, etc.), date, culture, place, etc. Your search path will show above the results list.

The screenshot displays the Smithsonian Collections Search Center interface. The search results are filtered for "National Anthropological Archives" and "type: Documents". The search path is shown as "All Records [catalog record source: 'National Anthropological Archives' / type: 'Documents']". The results list includes several entries, such as "John Peabody Harrington papers: Alaska/Northwest Coast, 1910, 1933-1957", "John Peabody Harrington papers: Plains, 1916-1951", "Fragments of Lakota texts by George Bushotter, 1887", "John Peabody Harrington papers: Southwest, 1907-1957", and "John Peabody Harrington papers: Northeast/Southeast, 1907-1957".

Search Results

Search Term: "National Anthro" apply

Search Options

Narrow By

- online media
- type (selected)
- Frequency
- Alphabetical
- Archival materials
- Documents (2394)
- Collection descriptions (2394)
- Sound recordings (1310)
- Photographs (819)
- Vocabularies (384)
- Manuscripts (241)
- Songs (224)
- Narratives (document genres) (222)
- Field notes (173)

topic

name

culture

language

place

date

catalog record source (selected)

- National Anthropological Archives

All Records [catalog record source: "National Anthropological Archives" / type: "Documents"]

Sorted by Relevancy View as List Print Results Expand All Share

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Online Finding Aid

- John Peabody Harrington papers: Alaska/Northwest Coast, 1910, 1933-1957**
 - CREATOR: Harrington, John Peabody 1884-1981
 - PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 20.90 linear feet (70 boxes)
 - TYPE: Field notes
 - DATE: 1910
 - LOCAL NUMBER: Accession #1970-05
 - DATA SOURCE: National Anthropological Archives
- John Peabody Harrington papers: Plains, 1916-1951**
 - CREATOR: Harrington, John Peabody 1884-1981
 - PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 12.5 linear feet (31 boxes)
 - TYPE: Field notes
 - DATE: 1916
 - LOCAL NUMBER: Accession #1970-05
 - DATA SOURCE: National Anthropological Archives
- Digital Content (PDF format)**
- Fragments of Lakota texts by George Bushotter, 1887**
 - CREATOR: Bushotter, George 1884-1892
 - PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 17 pages (1 folders)
 - TYPE: Folklore
 - DATE: 1887
 - LOCAL NUMBER: NAA MS 4800: (3.1.1.3) [103, 2832]
 - DATA SOURCE: National Anthropological Archives
- Online Finding Aid**
- John Peabody Harrington papers: Southwest, 1907-1957**
 - CREATOR: Harrington, John Peabody 1884-1981
 - PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 58.75 linear feet (128 boxes)
 - TYPE: Dictionaries
 - DATE: 1907
 - LOCAL NUMBER: Accession #1970-05
 - DATA SOURCE: National Anthropological Archives
- Online Finding Aid**
- John Peabody Harrington papers: Northeast/Southeast, 1907-1957**
 - CREATOR: Harrington, John Peabody 1884-1981
 - PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 11.33 linear feet (35 boxes)
 - TYPE: Vocabulary
 - DATE: 1907
 - LOCAL NUMBER: Accession #1970-05
 - DATA SOURCE: National Anthropological Archives

The collections at the NAA and HSFA can also be searched through the Smithsonian's online catalog SIRIS

siris.si.edu

The screenshot shows the SIRIS search interface. At the top, there are navigation buttons for 'Search', 'Search Images', and 'About'. Below these are tabs for 'Keyword', 'Browse', 'Finding Aids', 'Combined', 'Browse Images', 'Search History', and 'All Catalogs'. The 'Keyword' tab is active. The search form includes fields for 'General Keyword', 'All Name Keyword', 'Subject Keyword', 'Title Keyword', and 'Form and Genre Keyword'. A red arrow points to the 'General Keyword' field, which contains the text 'John Wesley Powell'. The page also features a 'Login' button, 'My List - 0', and a 'Help' icon.

Similar to CSC, you will need to limit your results to the NAA only by choosing NAA from the drop-down list in the "Limit by" tab in the upper right corner (shown below).

The screenshot shows the search results for 'John Wesley Powell'. The search bar at the top contains 'John Wesley Powell' and a 'Refine Search' button. The results section shows '329 titles matched: John Wesley Powell'. The first result is 'Honors 1869-1904' by Powell, John Wesley Major. The second result is 'United States Geological Survey annual report, 1892-1893' by Powell, John Wesley Major. A red arrow points to the 'Limit by' dropdown menu in the upper right corner, which is open and shows a list of collection categories. 'National Anthropological Archives' is highlighted in blue. Other options include 'Anacostia Community Museum Archives', 'Archives Center American History', 'Archives of American Art', 'Archives of American Gardens', 'Eliot Elisofon Photo Archives', 'Folklife Archives', 'Freer/Sackler Archives', 'Human Studies Film Archives', 'National Air and Space Museum Archives', 'National Museum of the American Indian Archives', 'Smithsonian Institution Archives', and 'Digital Images'. A 'Show details' link is visible next to the second result. An 'Add to my list' button is located at the bottom right.

The "cite as" field is the most useful piece of information needed for staff at the NAA and HSFA to locate the materials you are interested in:

Search results for: MS 1384

collections.si.edu/search/results.htm?view=&dsort=&date.slider=&fq=data_source%3A"National+Anthropological+Archives"&fq=object_type%3A"Documents"

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Search Results

MS 1384 / catalog record source:"National Anthropological Archives" / type:"Documents"

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Lakota vocabulary 1874 collapse Add to My List

CREATOR: Corliss, A.W.
ANNOTATOR: Dorsey, James Owen 1848-1895
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 54 pages
CULTURE: Lakota Teton
TYPE: Archival materials
Collection descriptions
DATE: 1874
SUMMARY: In the schedule of John Wesley Powell's Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages 1877, transcribed from an original Manuscript by Corliss, from data collected among the Brules at White River. Some words added from Stephen R. Riggs' Dakota Language and Dictionary, Washington, D.C. 1852, by the (anonymous) transcriber. Includes list of personal names with note by James Owen Dorsey.

Record Link Print View Share Contact Info

CITE AS: Manuscript 1384, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

TOPIC: Names, Personal
Language and languages--Documentation
LOCAL NUMBER: NAA MS 1384
SEE MORE ITEMS IN: [Numbered manuscripts 1850s-1980s \(some earlier\)](#)
DATA SOURCE: National Anthropological Archives

English-Alabama and Alabama-English dictionary 1906-1913 expand Add to My List

CREATOR: Swanton, John Reed
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5400 cards
TYPE: Dictionaries
DATE: 1906-1913
LOCAL NUMBER: NAA MS 2435

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Search Options
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online media
type: Frequency Alphabetical
Archival materials
Collection descriptions
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topic
name
culture
date
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