Finding Aid to the William Wildschut Manuscript Collection MS.600

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**Contributing Institution:** Autry National Center, Braun Research Library

**Language of Material:** English

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**Abstract:** This collection consists of typed manuscripts for *The Crow Indians, volumes 1 and 2*, and *Buffalo Days and Danger Trails - Biography of Two-Leggings, volumes 1 and 2* by William Wildschut, as well as correspondence between Wildschut and Southwest Museum director F. W. Hodge dated between 1941 and 1942.

**creator:** Hodge, Frederick Webb, 1864-1956

**creator:** Wildschut, William, 1883-1955

**Scope and Contents**

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**Processing history**


**Acquisition**

Donated by William Wildschut, 1941 November 15 and 1942 April 1.

**Preferred citation**

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**Related Archival Materials note**

William Wildschut papers (WA MSS S-2386); Yale University, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale Collection of Western Americana, New Haven, Connecticut.

William Wildschut collection of photographs and negatives, 1898-1927, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of the American Indian Archives, MRC-541, Cultural Resources Center.

**Biographical note**

Two Leggings (ca. 1847-1923) was one of the last Crow Warriors. From 1919 to 1923, he told his story of Crow life and wars to William Wildschut, an ethnologist with the Museum of the American Indian.

**Biographical note**

Born Willem Wildschut on March 30, 1883, in Jisp, the Netherlands, Wildschut managed factories and with his family moved frequently between the Netherlands, Canada, and the western United States. Around 1918, his company transferred him to Billings, Montana, and he was immediately fascinated by the Apsáalooke peoples and started purchasing objects from them. In 1922, George Gustav Heye bought Wildschut's collection of medicine bundles from him for the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation. After this initial purchase, Wildschut officially collected and conducted field expeditions in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Canada, and North Dakota on behalf of the Museum. Wildschut was a member of the Explorer's Club, was a Freemason, and published several articles in the Museum's series Indian Notes. On May 1, 1928, Heye was forced to let Wildschut go for lack of funds. Wildschut died in Oakland, California on January 7, 1955. Several books based on his manuscripts and field notes were published after his death by Heye, Peter Nabokov, and John C. Ewers.

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Two Leggings, ca. 1847-1923

*Buffalo Days and Danger Trails: Biography of Two-Leggings*

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