

# **Samuel W. Pennypacker II Papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Penn Museum Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Pennypacker II, Samuel W. , 1911-1968
<b>Title</b>	Samuel W. Pennypacker II Papers
<b>Call number</b>	1093
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1932-1969
<b>Extent</b>	0.4 linear foot
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Samuel W. Pennypacker, II was the son of Bevan Pennypacker and Mary Ferguson Pennypacker born in 1911. The grandson of Samuel W. Pennypacker, noted attorney and judge and former Pennsylvania governor from 1903-1907. S. W. Pennypacker II was an auditor at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to his daily work, Samuel took multiple archaeology courses and studied the North American Indian under Frank G. Speck. Speck is a noted anthropologist, professor, and the first Department of Anthropology chair at the University of Pennsylvania. The Samuel W. Pennypacker Personal papers consists of one box of correspondence, notes on the collection and details of his coursework in archaeology.</p>

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Pennypacker, although not formally admitted into the University, accompanied Speck on his field work at Six Nations (Iroquois) in Canada and with the Catawba and Cherokee tribes. He participated in the work of other professors such as Dr. J. Alden Mason, and Dr. Davidson. Pennypacker published multiple articles, such as "Algonkian Versus Eskimo" (1936) and "A Note on Catawba Ceramics" (1937). These and other articles appeared in the Pennsylvania Archaeologist and American Antiquity magazines.

Pennypacker willed the Indian collection to the University of Pennsylvania Museum. This collection includes pieces from tribes across the country, including the Iroquois and Algonquin nations. Virtually all of the objects in Samuel Pennypacker's "Indian Room" were originally collected by Frank Speck.

Postcards from Speck and a small collection of letters from Native American informants are housed in a file folder of uncatalogued miscellaneous correspondence as a part of the Samuel W. Pennypacker personal papers.

Pennypacker died in Philadelphia in 1968.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Controlled Access Headings

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**PERSONAL NAME(S)**

- Mason, John Alden, 1885-1967
- Pennypacker II, Samuel W. , 1911-1968
- Speck, Frank G., 1881-1950

## Collection Inventory

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

	Box
1932-1943.	1
Regarding the Collection 1969.	1

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### NOTES.

	Box
On the collection.	1

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### COURSES.

	Box
Primitive Religion (1 of 3).	1
Primitive Religion (2 of 3).	1
Primitive Religion (3 of 3).	1

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Religion and Mythology of Preliterate People 1933-1934.	1
The American Indian-Dr. Speck 1933-1934 (1 of 3).	1
The American Indian-Dr. Speck 1933-1934 (2 of 3).	1
The American Indian-Dr. Speck 1933-1934 (3 of 3).	1
Ethnology of Australia-Dr. Davidson 1933-1934.	1
People of the Pacific-Dr. Davidson 1935.	1
Primitive Art-Dr. Hallowell.	1
Notes on Africa- Dr. Wieschhoff 1937.	1