Guide to the Dwayne Wilcox, Ledger Drawings

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CALL NUMBER:	WA MSS S-4448
CREATOR:	Wilcox, Dwayne , artist
TITLE:	Ledger Drawings
DATES:	2008-2018
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:	3.3 linear feet (2 boxes)
LANGUAGE:	English (Latin script)
SUMMARY:	Ledger drawings created by Oglala Lakota artist Dwayne Wilcox, 2008-2018. The collection includes 48 titled drawings, which appear in his book, <i>Visual/Language: The Ledger Drawings of Dwayne Wilcox</i> (Staunton, Virginia: George F. Thompson Publishing, 2021), edited by Karen Miller Nearburg. One drawing has an inkjet print affixed to its recto. The collection also includes nine untitled drawings on versos, which are probably preparatory drawings for other work.
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- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Dwayne Wilcox on the Walter McClintock Memorial Fund, 2020.

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Associated Materials

John Willis Collection of Lakota Art (WA MSS S-4447). Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Dwayne Wilcox (born 1957)

Dwayne "Chuck" Wilcox is an Oglala Lakota artist born at Kadoka, South Dakota, and raised at Wanblee on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He served in the United States military. A self-taught artist, Wilcox created his first commissioned artwork in 1974 and transitioned to a full-time art career in 1987 with an emphasis on ledger drawings. Example of his work are collected in *Visual/Language: The Ledger Drawings* of *Dwayne Wilcox* (Staunton, Virginia: George F. Thompson Publishing, 2021), edited by Karen Miller Nearburg.

Ledger Drawings

Ledger drawings are traditionally representational drawings of scenes from the lives of nineteenth century Plains Indians, with an emphasis on martial accomplishments. Ledger drawings were so named for the ruled ledger books in which they were often executed which the creators obtained from soldiers or traders. Many twentieth century and twenty-first century Native American artists have also integrated ledgers in their work.

Scope and Contents

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Drawings executed on blank sheets of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, except or a single drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for section, township, and range published approximately 1900. Drawings signed and dated by the artist.

Arrangement

Arranged in order the images appear in Dwayne Wilcox, *Visual/Language: The Ledger Drawings of Dwayne Wilcox*, edited by Karen Miller Nearburg (Staunton, Virginia: George F. Thompson Publishing, 2021) followed by a self-portrait that does not appear in the work. Untitled drawings that appear on the verso of the titled drawings are listed at the end, chronologically by date of creation.

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b. 1 (Oversize), f. 1	Captain Eleven 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 11; signed and dated on recto by the artist; title references Captain 11, a children's television show hosted by David Hugo "Dave" Dedrick (1928-2010) and that aired on KELO-TV at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from 1971-1996 as well as an exhibit about the show at the South Dakota State Historical Society in Pierre; other side of sheet bears a child's crayon sketch of a snake, numbered 12	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 2	Good Old Days 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 15-16; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 3	<i>Tippie was his Dental Assistant 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 19-20; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 4	<i>Crucifixion</i> <i>1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 37-38; signed and dated on recto by the artist; variant title: 500 Years of Making America Great Again	2017
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 5	<i>The Shag</i> <i>1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 59-60; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2017
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 6	Awkward 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 67; signed and dated on recto by the artist; other side of sheet bears an untitled drawing, numbered 68	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 7	Don't Ask, Don't Care 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 77; signed and dated on recto by the artist; other side of sheet bears an untitled drawing, numbered 78	2018
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 8	Some of My Relatives 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 125-126; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2009
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 9	<i>Ah! Ho'</i> <i>1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 159-160; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010

b. 1 (Oversize), f. 10	War Stories 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 167-168; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 11		2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 12	<i>Quality Time</i> <i>1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 173-174; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 13	<i>Grandmothers 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 175-176; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 14	Rush Says its Natural 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 181-182; signed and dated on recto by the artist; title references Rush H. Limbaugh (1951-2021)	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 15	Pay Day Loan 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 205-206; signed and dated on recto by the artist; inscription on verso, "Finding the Love," which may be a variant title	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 16	Fungus Amongus 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 209-210; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 17	Buddy, Bob, and Joe 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 211-212; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 18	<i>This Bud's for You 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 219-220; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 19	Saints and Sinners 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 224; signed and dated on recto by the artist; other side of sheet bears a child's crayon sketch of three figures, numbered 223	2010

b. 1 (Oversize), f. 20	Who Brought This? 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 225-226; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 21	Working for Peanuts 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 237-238; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 22	Ghost of Christmas Past 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 243-244; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 23	Boom Boom Pap 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 246; signed and dated on recto by the artist; other side of sheet bears a pencil sketch of two figures, numbered 245	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 24	Berries Dam 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 249-250; signed and dated on recto by the artist; image may refer to Berry Lake Dam in Gregory County, South Dakota	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 25	<i>Cavalry Charge 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 260-261; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 26	Really ACTS Like a White Guy or Acting Like a White Guy 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 261-262; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2008
	Cutting the Rug	2010
	<i>1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 263-264; signed and dated on recto by the artist	
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 28	Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 263-264; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2010

b. 1 (Oversize), f. 30	Living High on the Hog 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 303-304; signed and dated on recto by the artist	2009
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 31	<i>Tribal Politics</i> <i>1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 311; signed and dated on recto by the artist; other side of sheet bears an untitled drawing, numbered 312	2017
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 32	I Thought We had Problems 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 343; signed and dated on recto by the artist; other side of sheet bears an untitled drawing, numbered 344	2017
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 33	Fighting Whities 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 348; signed and dated on recto by the artist; other side of sheet bears an untitled drawing, numbered 347	2017
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 34	Arm-Chair Warrior 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 350; signed and dated on recto by the artist; variant title: Arm-Chair Worrier; other side of sheet bears an untitled drawing, numbered 349	2017
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 35	<i>Type Two, How About You?</i> <i>1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 529-530; signed and dated on recto by the artist; title references Type 2 diabetes	2017
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 36	Real NDN 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 368; signed and dated on recto by the artist; other side of sheet bears an untitled drawing, numbered 367	2017
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 37	Medicine Men 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 371; signed and dated on recto by the artist; other side of sheet bears an untitled drawing, numbered 372	2017
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 38	NDN Cowboys 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 382; signed and dated on recto by the artist; other side of sheet bears an untitled drawing, numbered 381	2017

	nd colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm	2013
approximately 1900, nu	et of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published Imbered 401-402; signed and dated on recto by the artist; vie Thunderheart (1992)	
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Goat 40 1 drawing, ink, crayon, ai	nd colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm	2010
	et of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published Imbered 501-502; signed and dated on recto by the artist	
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Beef is What's for Dinne 41 1 drawing, ink, crayon, a	er nd colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm	2010
	et of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published Imbered 518-519; signed and dated on recto by the artist	
b. 2 (Oversize), f. That's My Dog 42 1 drawing, ink, crayon, ai	nd colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm	2010
approximately 1900, nu	et of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published Imbered 529-530; signed and dated on recto by the artist; perated by Greyhound Lines, Inc.	
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Skeletons in the Closet 43 1 drawing, ink, crayon, a	nd colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm	2010
	et of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published Imbered 581-582; signed and dated on recto by the artist	
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Business is Booming 44 1 drawing, ink, crayon, a	nd colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm	2010
	et of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published Imbered 589-590; signed and dated on recto by the artist	
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Everybody Hurts 45 1 drawing, ink, crayon, al	nd colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm	2010
	et of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published Imbered 591-592; signed and dated on recto by the artist	
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Arresting Development 46 1 drawing, ink, crayon, a	; nd colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm	2010
	et of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published imbered 594-595; signed and dated on recto by the artist	
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Hookah Hey 47 1 drawing, ink, crayon, al	nd colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm	2010
Drawing on a blank she	et of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published Imbered 595-596; signed and dated on recto by the artist	
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Why I Hate Self-Portrai 48 1 drawing, ink, crayon, al	ts nd colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm	2009
	et of paper from a ledger for section, township, and range ly 1900, numbered 105-106; signed and dated on recto by	

Untitled <i>1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board publis approximately 1900, numbered 312; signed and dated on recto by the artist; o side of sheet bears <i>Tribal Politics</i> , numbered 311 See: <i>Tribal Politics</i> , Box 1 (Oversize), folder 31	
Untitled <i>1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm</i> Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board publis approximately 1900, numbered 68; signed and dated on recto by the artist; o side of sheet bears <i>Awkward</i> , numbered 67 See: <i>Awkward</i> , Box 1 (Oversize), folder 6	
Untitled 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board publis approximately 1900, numbered 68; signed and dated on recto by the artist; o side of sheet bears <i>Don't Ask, Don't Care</i> , numbered 67 See: <i>Don't Ask, Don't Care</i> , Box 1 (Oversize), folder 7	
Untitled 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board publis approximately 1900, numbered 349; signed and dated on recto by the artist; side of sheet bears Arm-Chair Warrior, numbered 350 See: Arm-Chair Warrier, Box 1 (Oversize), folder 34	
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Untitled 1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm

Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 372; signed and dated on recto by the artist; other side of sheet bears *Medicine Men*, numbered 371

See: Medicine Men, Box 1 (Oversize), folder 37

Untitled

1 drawing, ink, crayon, and colored pencil on paper, 29 x 45 cm

Drawing on a blank sheet of paper from a ledger for an electoral board published approximately 1900, numbered 381; drawing references Bryan V. Brewer, president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, 2012-2014; signed and dated on recto by the artist; other side of sheet bears *NDN Cowboys*, numbered 382

See: NDN Cowboys, Box 1 (Oversize), folder 38

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Indian arts -- Great Plains Indians of North America -- Pictorial works Lakota art Lakota Indians -- Pictorial works

Genres / Formats

Drawings (visual works) Inkjet prints Ledger drawings

Acquired From

Wilcox, Dwayne, artist