



Creator:

Old White Woman Ledger Book Artist

Date:

1880

Identifier:

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Description:

Among the Plains Indians, a man's success at courting a woman depended not only on his appearance and character, but also on his power and wealth. Women wisely sought men who attained influence and respect. Accomplished skills in horse raiding, breeding, and training increased a man's prestige and material resources, and young men could quickly change their fortunes in life by distinguishing themselves as proven horsemen. Owning many horses meant that an individual could accumulate more goods and diversify his wealth. A man astride a superior buffalo runner or fast horse as depicted here undoubtedly proved a fine sight.

Physical dimensions:

length 11.75 in ; height 7.125 in

length 20.125 in ; width 16 in ; depth 1 in

Format:

Drawing - "Courting Scene"

Coverage:

Oklahoma ; Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

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