

BASKET, TAOS

OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECT

Repository: Crandall Public Library.
Folklife Center
Glens Falls, NY.

Creator: Anonymous basket maker of the Taos Pueblo

Title: Basket, Taos

Dates: ca. early 1950s

Quantity: one basket

Identification: Folk Art & Artifacts

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The collector of this basket, Dr. Theodore P. Wolfe (1902 – 1954), spent the last two years of his life in Taos, New Mexico. He was suffering from tuberculosis, for which there was, at that time, no medical cure. The prescription of the time was to live at a high altitude.

While there is no documentary proof (receipt, account, etc.), it is presumed that he purchased this basket during that time. For many years it functioned as a sewing basket in the Wolfe family camp in Rangeley, Maine.

INDEX TERMS

Topics: Baskets
Indian baskets

Places: Taos Pueblo, Taos, New Mexico

Important People: Wolfe, Dr. Theodore P. (1902 – 1954)

Form/Genre: Basket [realia]

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT

A shallow basket, 10.75 inches across at the top, and ca. 1.75 inches deep. It is woven of a tan fiber, with a brown geometric design woven into it.