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William M. Mann photographs of Fiji
and the Solomon Islands, 1915-1916

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	William M. Mann photographs of Fiji and the Solomon Islands
Date:	1915-1916
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.110
Creator:	Mann, William M., 1886-1960
Extent:	400 Negatives (circa; nitrate) 220 Prints (circa 220 (duplicates not counted) prints; silver gelatin)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Smithsonian Institution Archives holds the William M. Mann and Lucile Quarry Mann Papers, circa 1885-1981 (SIA RU007293), which include field notes from Mann's trip to Fiji and the Solomon Islands.

Other Finding Aids

Inventory available in repository.

Available Formats

Copy negatives for some of the nitrate negatives are available.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 110, William M. Mann photographs of Fiji and the Solomon Islands, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

Original nitrate negatives are in cold storage and require advanced notice for viewing.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

William M. Mann (1886-1960) was an entomologist and zoologist who took part in several collecting expeditions and directed the Smithsonian Institution's National Zoological Park for three decades. Born in Helena, Montana, Mann completed his BA at Stanford University in 1911 and earned his doctorate in entomology from Harvard University in 1915. After completing his studies at Harvard, he was selected as a Sheldon Traveling Fellow for a trip to Fiji and the Solomon Islands in 1915. Mann returned to the United States to serve as an entomologist for the United States Department of Agriculture (1916-1925). In 1925, he was appointed Superintendent of the National Zoological Park, a position he held until his retirement in 1956.

Scope and Contents

Photographs made by William M. Mann during a zoological expedition to Fiji and the British Solomon Islands. They document Indigenous people, villages, and the natural environment, as well as activities such as tapa making, building construction, and ceremonies.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 110

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Fijians
- Lau (Solomon Islands people)
- Marovo (Solomon Islands people)

Cultures:

- Fijians
- Lau (Solomon Islands people)
- Marovo (Solomon Islands people)

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Places:

- Fiji
- Solomon Islands