John Reed Swanton photographs of Southeastern American Indians, circa 1900s-1910s

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Collection Overview

Repository: National Anthropological Archives
Title: John Reed Swanton photographs of Southeastern American Indians
Identifier: NAA.PhotoLot.76
Date: circa 1900s-1910s
Extent: 174 Lantern slides
415 Prints ((duplicates not counted); silver gelatin)
601 Negatives (nitrate)
Creator: Swanton, John Reed, 1873-1958
Language: Undetermined
Digital Content: Image(s): John Reed Swanton lantern slides of southeastern Indians
and views, n.d. (probably ca 1900-30)

Administrative Information

Provenance
The photographs came to the archives during Swanton's tenure at the Bureau of American
Ethnology.

Location of Other Archival Materials
The National Anthropological Archives Numbered Manuscripts include more than 200
manuscripts created or collected by Swanton.

Location of Other Archival Materials
Photographs relating to Swanton's work with the Tlingit are held in National Anthropological
Archives Photo Lot 24.

Location of Other Archival Materials
The Department of Anthropology ethnology collections also holds objects collected by
Swanton, including potsherds from various sites in Southeastern United States (accessions
111748, 113252, 122679, 129788, 165802, and 062577).

See others in
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Other Finding Aids
Electronic finding aid available via the website of the National Anthropological Archives.
Other Finding Aids

Finding Aid: http://www.nmnh.si.edu/naa/fa/Photo%20Lot%20Swanton.pdf

Available Formats

The lantern slides and some prints have been digitized and are available online.

Available Formats

Copy negatives have been made for the nitrate negatives.

Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 76, John Reed Swanton photographs of Southeastern American Indians, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The original nitrate negatives are in cold storage and not available for viewing.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

John Reed Swanton (1873-1958) was an ethnologist and ethnohistorian with the Bureau of American Ethnology (BAE) from 1900 until his retirement in 1944. Swanton spent his first few years at the BAE studying the Haida and Tlingit groups of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, and published a number of significant articles on the language, ethnography, and folklore of Northwest Coast Indians. His focus then shifted to the American Indians of the Southeastern United States. In addition to conducting ethnographic fieldwork in the Southeast, Swanton studied extensively the history of the area in order to better understand its indigenous cultures and is considered a pioneer in the field of ethnohistory. During his career Swanton published numerous articles and several major works on Southeastern American Indians, including the reference work The Indians of the Southeastern United States, in 1946, a Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletin (No. 137).

Scope and Contents

Photographs of Southeastern American Indian people, homes, ceremonial grounds, and events made circa 1900s-1910s by John Reed Swanton. The lantern slides, probably used for lectures, include images of Southeastern rivers and bayous and historical maps. Additionally, there are a number of slides with notes and charts relating to linguistic comparisons.
Bibliography


Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 76

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Alabama Indians
- Atakapa
- Biloxi Indians
- Caddo
- Catawba Indians
- Cherokee
- Chickasaw
- Chitimacha
- Choctaw
- Coosa Indians
- Coushatta (Koasati)
- Creoles
- Dance
- Dwellings
- Games
- Houma
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Indians of North America -- Southern States
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Muskogee (Creek)
- Natchez Indians
- Pascagoula Indians
- Seminole Indians
- Taensa Indians
- Tunica Indians
- Yuchi Indians

Cultures:
- Alabama Indians
- Atakapa
- Biloxi Indians
- Caddo
Cherokee
Chickasaw
Chitimacha
Choctaw
Coosa Indians
Coushatta (Koasati)
Creoles
Houma
Indians of North America -- Great Plains
Indians of North America -- Southern States
Muskogee (Creek)
Natchez Indians
Pascagoula Indians
Seminole Indians
Taensa Indians
Tunica Indians
Yuchi Indians

Types of Materials:
Lantern slides
Photographs

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Nuyaka Mission school
Creek (Muskogee)
Hillabi
Tuskegee
Tukabatchee
Alibamu
Chiaha
Eufaula
Kealedji
Hilibi; Hillabi
Laplako
Liwhali
Okfuskee
Okchai
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