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Collection Overview

Repository:	Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art
Title:	Thomas Weir photographs
Identifier:	EEPA.1987-001
Date:	1960-1966
Extent:	48 photographic prints ((1 v.); black & white; 8 x 10 in.) 2,330 slides (photographs) ((2 v.); color)
Creator:	Weir, Thomas
Language:	Undetermined
Summary:	Photographs taken by Thomas Weir in Liberia to document Liberian culture, 1960-1966. The photographs document the architecture, arts, events and peoples of Liberia, particularly the Bassa, Kru and Vai. Activities documented include blacksmithing, ivory carving, the making of a dugout canoe, pottery, market vending and basket and cloth weaving. Architectural images include government ministries, hospitals, schools and numerous street scenes in Monrovia, as well as Bassa houses and villages. Art works depicted include paintings on houses and signs, as well as paintings, sculptures and textiles created as tourist art. Events documented include official government ceremonies with staged indigenous dances; rituals in villages such as young members of the female sande society returning from the initiation camp; and visits by foreign heads of state such as Queen Elizabeth II and Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia. Liberians portrayed include President William V.S. Tubman and the people of Monrovia and other towns.
Container:	Volume 1
Container:	Volume 2
Container:	Volume 3

Administrative Information

Restrictions

Use of original records requires an appointment. Contact Archives staff for more details.

Conditions Governing Use

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Arrangement

Images indexed by negative number.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Cultures:

- Bassa (Liberian and Sierra Leone people)
- Kru (African people)
- Vai (African people)

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white photographs
- Color slides
- Photographic prints
- Picture postcards

Names:

- Tubman, William V.S., 1895-1971

Geographic Names:

- Africa
- Liberia
- Monrovia (Liberia)

Container Listing

Elderly man and children. Liberia, near Buchanan, [1960-66]
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts an elderly man seated on a chair with two children on his side.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 235.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Bassa (Liberian and Sierra Leone people)
Children
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Portraits
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Elderly man and child. Liberia, near Buchanan, October 1959
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts an elderly man seated on a chair with a child on his side.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 236.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Bassa (Liberian and Sierra Leone people)
Children
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Portraits
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Vai chief and child. Liberia, near Robertsport, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts an elderly chief and a child looking at an USAID-Liberian publication.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 237.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Children
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Leaders
Portraits
Vai (African people)

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Bassa man. Liberia, near Buchanan, October 1959
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts an elderly man with a pipe.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 239.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Bassa (Liberian and Sierra Leone people)
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Portraits
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Small boy, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts a small boy standing by a pole.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 240.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Vai chief. Liberia, near Robertsport, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts an elderly chief looking at an USAID-Liberian publication.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 241.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Leaders
Portraits
Vai (African people)

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Vai chief. Liberia, near Robertsport, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts an elderly chief looking at an USAID-Liberian publication.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 243.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Leaders
Portraits
Vai (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Woman with keloids. Liberia, near Kle, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts a small boy standing by a pole.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 244.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Medicine
Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia
Genre/Form: Negatives

Woman with keloids. Liberia, near Kle, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts a small boy standing by a pole.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 245.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Medicine
Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Burl Anderson and family member. Liberia, Andersonville, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts Burl Anderson (came to Liberia in 1896 from Savannah, GA, USA) talking with photographer's daughter.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 250.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Dei woman. Liberia, near Dimeh, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts an elderly man seated on a chair with a child on his side.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 251.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Dei (African people)
Portraits

Place: Africa

Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Vai chief, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 252.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Leaders
Portraits
Vai (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Woman with children, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 253.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Children
Portraits
Thomas Weir photographs, -- 1960-1966.

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Girl with mud application, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 255.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Portraits
Rites and ceremonies

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Kpelle tribal chief on the road. Liberia, near Zorzor, 1960-66
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 259.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Kpelle (African people)
Leaders
Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Vai chief and children. Liberia, near Robertsport, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts an elderly chief and two children looking at an USAID-Liberian publication.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 260.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Children
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Leaders
Portraits
Vai (African people)

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Picnic on river, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 263.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Natural landscapes
Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia
Genre/Form: Negatives

Women and child on beach. Liberia, near Monrovia, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 265.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Natural landscapes
Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Burl Anderson and his son. Liberia, Andersonville, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts Burl Anderson (came to Liberia in 1896 from Savannah, GA, USA, and founded Andersonville) and his son, mayor of the town.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 266.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Kpelle tribal chief on the road. Liberia, near Zorzor, 1960-66
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 269.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Kpelle (African people)
Leaders
Portraits

Place: Africa

Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Vai child. Liberia, near Robertsport, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 270.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Children
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Households
Portraits
Vai (African people)

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Vai chief, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 271.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Leaders
Portraits
Vai (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Kpelle girl. Liberia, near Belefuanai, 1962
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 274.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Body marking -- Africa
Kpelle (African people)

Portraits
Place: Africa
Liberia
Genre/Form: Negatives

Bassa girl. Liberia, near River Cess, October 1959
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)
Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 277.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Bassa (Liberian and Sierra Leone people)
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Portraits
Rites and ceremonies
Place: Africa
Liberia
Genre/Form: Negatives

Man sitting, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)
Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts Burl Anderson (came to Liberia in 1896 from Savannah, GA, USA, and founded Andersonville) and his son, mayor of the town.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 279.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Portraits
Place: Africa
Liberia
Genre/Form: Negatives

Man. Liberia, near Belefuanai, 1960-1966
1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)
Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 28.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Portraits
Place: Africa

Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Villagers. Liberia, near Belefuanai, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 29.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Children
Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Men's gathering. Liberia, near Belefuanai, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 30.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Baptist ministers. Liberia, near Brewerville, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 55.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Portraits
Religion

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Burl Anderson. Liberia, Andersonville, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts Burl Anderson (came to Liberia in 1896 from Savannah, GA, USA) sitting on his front porch.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 68.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Burl Anderson. Liberia, Andersonville, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts Burl Anderson (came to Liberia in 1896 from Savannah, GA, USA) sitting on a chair by his house.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 70.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Burl Anderson and his son. Liberia, Andersonville, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts Burl Anderson (came to Liberia in 1896 from Savannah, GA, USA) and his son sitting on chairs by Burl's house.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 71.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Portraits

Place: Africa
Liberia

Genre/Form: Negatives

Burl Anderson and family member. Liberia, Andersonville, 1960-1966

1 photographic negative (b&w; 35mm.)

Weir, Tom, Photographer

The photograph depicts Burl Anderson (came to Liberia in 1896 from Savannah, GA, USA) and a member of his family.

Local Numbers

Negative number TW 72.

Title source: Index card based on photographer's notes.

Topic: Portraits
Place: Africa
Liberia
Genre/Form: Negatives