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*National Museum of African Art*

James E. Payne photographs, EEPA 1988-006

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art
<b>Title:</b>	James E. Payne photographs
<b>Date:</b>	1973-1977
<b>Identifier:</b>	EEPA.1988-006
<b>Creator:</b>	Payne, James E., 1941- (Photographer)
<b>Extent:</b>	325 Slides (photographs) (1 volume; color)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Photographs taken by James E. Payne while on vacation in East Africa of Coptic Christians in Ethiopia and the daily life of the Nuba and people in the Sudan. Images of Christians, mostly taken in the village of Lalibela, show various activities such as celebrations during the Timkat festival, cooking, Bible study and washing. Also depicted are art objects to include crucifixes and illuminated manuscripts. Images of the Nuba in Sudan, many from the Kordofan region, illustrate activities such as boat building in Omdurman, celebrating an Islamic festival in Omdurman, buying and selling in markets, and wrestling. Portraits depict body art and costumes. Also included are structures such as burial mounds and decorated houses.
<b>Container:</b>	Volume 1

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Donated by James E. Payne, 1988.

### Restrictions

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

### Conditions Governing Use

For study purposes only. Permission to reproduce images from the Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives must be obtained in advance. The collection is subject to all copyright laws.

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## Biographical Note

Graduated in 1963 with a B.S. degree in science education from Jackson State College and held several positions in the personnel management field. Since 1990 he has been a personnel manager at the Liberty Science Museum in Jersey City, New Jersey.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, religious -- Ethiopia  
Nuba

Cultures:

Nuba

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Places:

Africa  
Egypt  
Ethiopia  
Kordofan (Sudan)  
Lalibela (Ethiopia)  
Omdurman (Sudan)  
Sudan  
'Amāra kelel (Ethiopia)