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*National Museum of African Art*

Frank Christol photographs, EEPA 1989-004

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art
<b>Title:</b>	Frank Christol photographs
<b>Date:</b>	1920s
<b>Identifier:</b>	EEPA.1989-004
<b>Creator:</b>	Christol, Frank (Photographer)
<b>Extent:</b>	215 Photographic prints (dupe prints (2 v.); black & white; 8 x 10 in. ) 215 Negatives (photographic) (dupe negs; black & white; 4 x 5 in. ) 215 Photographic prints (silver gelatin (2 v.); black & white; 8 x 10 in. or smaller)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Photographs taken by French Missionary Frank Christol during his stay in the Cameroon Grassfields, during the 1920s. The photographs document the peoples of the Cameroon Grassfields, particularly the Bamileke. Activities depicted include dancing and playing musical instruments. Objects include figures, masks, textiles and vessels. There are images of chiefs' palaces and architectural details such as carved doors and house posts. Portraits, often with people in groups with objects, document dress, hairstyles, jewelry and scarification. People portrayed include carvers with their work and chiefs in their palaces.
<b>Container:</b>	Volume 1
<b>Container:</b>	Volume 2

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Purchased in 1989 from George Rodriques.

### 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:

Subjects:

Bamileke (African people)

Cultures:

Bamileke (African people)

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs  
Photographic prints

Places:

Africa  
Cameroon