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Michael and Lona Kennéy photographs,
EEPA 1997-001, 1933-1939

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art
Title:	Michael and Lona Kennéy photographs
Date:	1933-1939
Identifier:	EEPA.1997-001
Creator:	Kennéy, Michael, 1904-1982 (Photographer) Kennéy, Lona B. Mrs., 1896-1994
Extent:	89 Negatives (photographic) (black & white; 12 x 9 cm. or smaller) 1 Film reel (1 reel (89 interpositives); black & white; 70 mm.) 2 Volumes 16 Photographic prints ((1 box); black & white; 32 x 25 cm. or smaller) 237 Photographic prints ((contact prints); black & white; 8x10 in. or smaller) 8 Postcards (black & white; 8 x 12 cm.) 237 Photographic prints ((1 v.); black & white; 8x10 in. or smaller)
Language:	Undetermined .
Summary:	Photographs taken or collected by Dr. Michael Kennéy while serving as a colonial medical officer in the Belgian Congo from 1933-1939. Eight images are portrait photographs. They are numbers 103, 104, 105, 108, 110, 111, 112, 114
Container:	Item 89
Container:	Item 1
Container:	Box 1
Container:	Volume 1
Container:	Volume 2
Container:	Volume 3

Administrative Information

Provenance

Prints and negatives were willed to Dr. Pascal James Imperato by Mrs. Lona B. Kennéy and donated by Dr. Imperato to the National Museum of African Art in 1997.

Restrictions

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

Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical Note

Michael Kennéy, M.D., 1904-1982, born Mizrah Konn in Rowno, Russia. Attended University of Warsaw, 1923-1925; attended the University of Geneva, 1925-1930 and, from the University of Geneva, earned a Bachelor of Medical Science, 1929 and a M.D., 1930; subsequently studied bacteriology and immunology for an academic year at the University of Warsaw Graduate College and, during a three month course, tropical medicine at the University of Brussels, School of Tropical Medicine, where he was taught by the eminent parasitologist, J. Rodhain; and received a Colonial Physician degree (D.T.M.) in June of 1931. Served as Resident Physician in the Belgian Congo Medical Service, 1933-1935, at the Busu Melo District along a stretch of the lower Congo River; as Chief Medical Officer of the Jadotville (Likasi) District of Katanga in southeastern Congo, 1935-1939; emigrated from Brussels to the United States, 1940; served at Chief of Medical and Laboratory Services at Kwakwani the Berbice District of British Guiana, 1943-1948; returned to the United States in 1948; became a naturalized United States citizen in 1949 and pursued a career in pathology becoming a leading expert in pathoparasitology. For a fuller account of Dr. Kenney's life, see the Journal of Community Health, Vol. 20, No. 3, June 1995, pp. 293-311.

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:

Mongo (African people)

Cultures:

Mongo (African people)

Types of Materials:

Photographic prints

Postcards

Places:

Africa

Congo (Democratic Republic)