



# Smithsonian

*National Museum of African Art*

William Hance collection, EEPA 2008-008

Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art  
National Museum of African Art  
P.O. Box 37012  
MRC 708  
Washington, DC 20013-7012  
elisofonarchives@si.edu  
<https://africa.si.edu/collection/eliot-elisofon-photographic-archives/>

## Table of Contents

Collection Overview .....	1
Administrative Information .....	1
Biographical/Historical note.....	2
Arrangement note.....	2
Names and Subjects .....	2
Container Listing .....	4

---

## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art
<b>Title:</b>	William Hance collection
<b>Date:</b>	1949-1970
<b>Identifier:</b>	EEPA.2008-008
<b>Creator:</b>	Hance, William Adams, 1916-
<b>Extent:</b>	2513 Slides (photographs) (color ; 35mm.) 17 Maps 117 Postcards 10 Items ((guidebooks))
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection, which dates from 1949-1970, contains approximately 2513 color 35mm slides depicting the people, environment and cultures of more than 30 African countries. Images include landscapes, agriculture and marketplace scenes. Countries represented include Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burundi, Rwanda, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Zaire), Cote d'Ivoire and Zambia. Also included in this collection are 117 postcards from West and Central Africa and approximately 17 maps of and 10 guide books for East and West Africa. A small amount of miscellaneous ephemera rounds out the collection.
<b>Container:</b>	Item EEPA.2008-008

---

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Donated by William Hance, 2008.

### Preferred Citation

William Hance Collection, EEPA 2008-008, Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

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

### Conditions Governing Use

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

---

## Biographical Note

William Adams Hance (1916-2008) was a professor emeritus of economic geography at Columbia University. In the early 1950s, Hance was part of a team of academicians sent by the Carnegie Corporation to Africa, with the intention that they would return and contribute to the education of Americans about the African continent. He taught courses on Africa until his retirement. In 1956, Hance was a founding member of the African Studies Association and he went on to serve on its board as Executive Secretary and President. Hance's publications include six books on Africa, as well as numerous articles. In 1967 he was named Honorary Fellow of the American Geographical Society, and was honored by the Nigerian Society of Geographers for "distinguished contributions to the science of geography in Africa."

---

## Arrangement

Slides are arranged alphabetically by country. Arrangement reflects the original order established by the donor.

---

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Agriculture
- Cultural landscapes
- Markets
- Natural landscapes

Types of Materials:

- Color slides
- Guidebooks
- Maps
- Postcards

Places:

- Africa
- Africa, Central
- Africa, East
- Algeria
- Angola
- Benin
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Congo (Democratic Republic)
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Kenya

Lesotho  
Liberia  
Libya  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Mali  
Mauritius  
Morocco  
Nigeria  
Rwanda  
Réunion  
Senegal  
Sierra Leone  
South Africa  
Sudan  
Swaziland  
Tanzania  
Tunisia  
Uganda  
West Africa  
Zambia  
Zanzibar

---

## Container Listing

EEPA 2008-008-0001: [Harbor, Algiers, Algeria, December 1, 1950](#)  
1 Color slide  
Photographer: Hance, William Adams, 1916-

EEPA 2008-008-0002: [Grande Poste, Algiers, Algeria, December 1, 1950](#)  
1 Color slide  
Photographer: Hance, William Adams, 1916-

EEPA 2008-008-0003: [Casbah, Algiers, Algeria, December 1, 1950](#)  
1 Color slide  
Photographer: Hance, William Adams, 1916-

EEPA 2008-008-0004: [View of Old Quarter, Casbah, Algeria, December 1, 1950](#)  
1 Color slide  
Photographer: Hance, William Adams, 1916-

EEPA 2008-008-0005: [Old House, Algiers, Algeria, December 1, 1950](#)  
1 Color slide  
Photographer: Hance, William Adams, 1916-

AAPA 2008-008-0006: [Old Mosque, Algiers, Algeria, December 1, 1950](#)  
1 Color slide  
Photographer: Hance, William Adams, 1916-

EEPA 2008-008-0007: [Farmyard, near Atlas Mountain Range, Algeria, December 1, 1950](#)  
1 Color slide  
Photographer: Hance, William Adams, 1916-