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Collection Overview

Repository:	Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art
Title:	William Hance collection
Date:	1949-1970
Identifier:	EEPA.2008-008
Creator:	Hance, William Adams, 1916-
Extent:	2513 Slides (photographs) (color ; 35mm.) 17 Maps 117 Postcards 10 Items ((guidebooks))
Language:	English .
Summary:	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.
Container:	Item EEPA.2008-008

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by William Hance, 2008.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

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

Conditions Governing Use

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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-