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Guide to the Aleš Hrdlička films, circa 1931-1939

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Human Studies Film Archives
Title:	Aleš Hrdlička films
Date:	circa 1931-1939
Identifier:	HSFA.1982.02
Creator:	Hrdlička, Aleš, 1869-1943
Extent:	Film reels (black-and-white silent; 16mm)
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Transferred from the National Anthropological Archives in 1982, 1990, and 2015.

Related Materials

The National Anthropological Archives holds the Aleš Hrdlička papers.

Processing Information

Titles are supplied by the archivist for untitled films.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The collection is open for research. Please contact the archives for information on availability of access copies of audiovisual recordings. Original audiovisual material in the Human Studies Film Archives may not be played.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

Collection consists of films of an archeological expedition with Aleš Hrdlička to the Aleutian Islands and Kodiak Island, Alaska and footage taken by or for Hrdlička in conjunction with his book "Children Who Run on All Fours." These materials form part of the Aleš Hrdlička papers in the National Anthropological Archives.

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Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Physical anthropology

Types of Materials:

silent films

Places:

Alaska
North America

Container Listing

Hrdlička on Kodiak Island, 1931

1 Film reel (6 minutes; black-and-white silent; 160 feet; 16mm)

Notes: Footage of anthropologist Aleš Hrdlička excavating in Our Point and Uyak Bay on Kodiak Island, Alaska.

HSFA 1982.2.2

Excavations on Kodiak Island, 1934

1 Film reel (9 minutes; black-and-white silent; 300 feet; 16mm)

Notes: Footage shot of an archeological expedition led by archaeologist Aleš Hrdlička on Kodiak Island, Alaska.

HSFA 1986.12.1

Hrdlička in the Aleutian Islands, circa 1937-1938

1 Film reel (black-and-white silent; 600 feet; 16mm)

Notes: Footage of anthropologist Aleš Hrdlička's excavations on Kodiak Island, Alaska. Documented are excavation techniques including undercutting, excavation of bone-nest, and removal of human skull. Also included is footage of Hrdlicka at work.

HSFA 1982.2.1

Hrdlička on Kodiak Island, 1939

1 Film reel (black-and-white silent; 99 feet; 16mm)

Notes: Footage of anthropologist Aleš Hrdlička excavating on Kodiak Island, Alaska. Shots of bay as boat approaches island. Shots of Hrdlička excavating in an area covered with waist high plants. Woman wearing mosquito netting hat is behind him and she too digs at one point. This sequence shows what looks like a square slab of stone on the ground. Man hands something to Hrdlicka to examine. A boy is also shown in one shot behind the woman who is near Hrdlicka. One shot of a skull. Film ends with shots of dog swimming.

HSFA 2015.13.1

Footage for Children Who Run on All Fours, undated

1 Film reel (approximately 100 feet)

Notes: Footage taken by or for Aleš Hrdlička in conjunction with his book *Children Who Run on All Fours*.

HSFA 1990-011