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Guide to the River Basin Survey films, circa 1931-1941

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Human Studies Film Archives
Title:	River Basin Survey films
Date:	circa 1931-1941
Identifier:	HSFA.1983.13A
Creator:	Roberts, Frank H. H. (Frank Harold Hanna), 1897-1966 River Basin Surveys
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 1983.

Related Materials

The Human Studies Film Archives also holds the Frank Harold Hanna Roberts, Jr. films (HSFA.1986.12), which contain his films documenting archaeological field work in the Tennessee and Arizona, Zuni pueblo and the surrounding landscape in New Mexico, and Chichen Itza in Mexico.

Preferred Citation

River Basin Survey films, Human Studies Film Archives, Smithsonian Institution

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

Footage duplicates [Frank Roberts' Footage of Chichen Itza, Yucatan, Mexico, c. 1932] refer to 86.12.4 RF, [Frank Roberts' Footage of Allantown, Arizona, 1930-1933] refer to 86.12.3 1-2 RF, [Frank Roberts' Footage of Shiloh National Military Park, Tennessee, c. 1933-1934] refer to 86.12.2 RF, and [Frank Roberts' Footage of Zuni, New Mexico, c. 1931] refer to 86.12.5 RF. Also contains footage of the Smithsonian sponsored Missouri River Basin Salvage Archaeology Project conducted by Frank H.H. Roberts. Documented are the large-scale excavations at the Lindenmeier site in northern Colorado. Evidence for PaleoIndian occupation of the area shown in the film includes fossilized bison skeletal remains and Folsom projectile points. For further description, see entries of the four titles listed above. This footage forms part of the Smithsonian Institution River Basin Surveys Records in the National Anthropological Archives.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution or Anthropology Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- A:shiwi (Zuni)
- Archaeology
- Mayas
- Pueblo

Cultures:

- A:shiwi (Zuni)
- Mayas
- Pueblo

Types of Materials:

- silent films

Places:

- Arizona
- Central America
- Mexico
- New Mexico
- North America
- Tennessee (Ill.)

Container Listing

River Basin Surveys Footage, circa 1941

1 Film reel (black-and-white silent; 101 feet; 16mm)

Notes: Footage believed to be of the River Basin Surveys laboratory at Lincoln. This footage forms part of the Smithsonian Institution River Basin Surveys Records in the National Anthropological Archives.

HSFA 1983.13.1

River Basin Surveys Footage, circa 1941

3 Film reels (black-and-white silent; 2,370 feet; 16mm)

Notes: Footage duplicates [Frank Roberts' Footage of Chichen Itza, Yucatan, Mexico, ca. 1932], [Frank Roberts' Footage of Allantown, Arizona, 1930-1933], Frank Roberts' Footage of Shiloh National Military Park, Tennessee, ca. 1933-1934] and [Frank Roberts' Footage of Zuni, New Mexico, ca. 1931] and contains unique footage which is believed to be of the Smithsonian Institution salvage archeology project in the Missouri River Basin. This footage contains excavation techniques, uncovering human skeletons, and leisure activities of site workers. For further description, see entries of the four titles listed above. This footage forms part of the Smithsonian Institution River Basin Surveys Records in the National Anthropological Archives.

HSFA 1983.13.2

Frank Roberts' Footage of Zuni, New Mexico, circa 1931

1 Film reel (black-and-white silent; 154 feet; 16mm)

Notes: Footage taken in Zuni, New Mexico, documents Zuni Village and its inhabitants and surrounding landscape. This footage forms part of the Smithsonian Institution River Basin Surveys Records in the National Anthropological Archives.

HSFA 1983.13.3