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Guide to the Columbus Museum films, 1938-circa 1959

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Human Studies Film Archives
Title:	Columbus Museum films
Date:	1938-circa 1959
Identifier:	HSFA.1986.07
Creator:	Columbus Museum (Columbus, Ga.) (Collector)
Extent:	2 Film reels (43 minutes; black-and-white color silent sound; 1318 feet; 16mm)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from the Columbus Museum of Arts and Sciences in 1986.

Processing Information

Titles are supplied by the archivist for untitled films.

Preferred Citation

Columbus Museum 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

Film of the Lawson Field archeology excavation by Gordon R. Willey, Ft. Benning GA, c. 1938. Kinescope of Auburn Television's program about the Smithsonian Institution's River Basin Survey study of the Chattahoochee River valley in 1959.

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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:

Archaeology

Types of Materials:

Sound films
silent films

Places:

North America

Container Listing

Lawson Field Excavation, Georgia, 1938

1 Film reel (20 minutes; color silent; 483 feet; 16mm)

Notes: Footage documenting the excavation of a prehistoric/historic Native American settlement dating to the approximate time period of Spanish exploration into the area of inland Georgia. The people inhabiting the area, the Kasihta, are thought to have been members of the Muskogee, a culture group of the Lower Creek peoples. Historical evidence for the Kasihta occupation of the Chattahoochee River Basin, Georgia dates back to Spanish exploration during the 17th century up through missionary reports by Hodgson and Hawkins in the mid 18th century. The film records excavations conducted by Gordon R. Willey in the late 1930s at the site of Lawson Field, just south of Fort Benning. Documented are several human burials, the remains of house structures as shown through soil analysis, and trade items from contact with the Europeans (including copper bells and rings, clay pipes, iron implements, and glass beads). Also shown are conscious excavation techniques such as the use of trowels, taking into account soil variation and stratigraphy. Gordon R. Willey, archaeologist

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Auburn (AL) Television Interview with Harold Huscher, SI River Basin Surveys, circa 1959

1 Film reel (23 minutes; black-and-white sound; 835 feet; 16mm)

Notes: Television broadcast of an interview between John Dunlop, interviewer, and Harold Huscher, an archeologist with the Chattahoochee River Valley salvage archeology project. Dr. Huscher illustrates the procedures involved in the project, including identification of literature used for background research, drawing of reference maps and classification of sites, and completion of the survey. Artifacts from the archaic through the historic periods are exhibited and discussed.

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