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James E. Taylor scrapbook of the
American West, circa 1863-1900

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	James E. Taylor scrapbook of the American West
Identifier:	NAA.MS4605
Date:	circa 1863-1900
Extent:	4 Tintypes 3 Chromolithographs 3 Lithographs (3 chalk-manner lithographs) 1 Print (photogravure) 118 Pages (Scrapbook) 685 Prints (circa; albumen) 80 Items (circa 80 relief prints (including woodcuts and wood engraving)) 30 Items (circa 30 intaglio prints (including etchings and engravings))
Creator:	Taylor, James E., 1839-1901 (artist and collector)
Language:	Undetermined
Summary:	Scrapbook entitled "Our Wild Indians in Peace and War: Surveys, Expeditions, Mining and Scenery of the Great West," compiled by James E. Taylor, possibly as a source for his own illustrations.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Our Wild Indians in Peace and war: Surveys, Expeditions, Mining and Scenery of the Great West

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated or transferred by John Witthoft from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, April 14, 1961.

Related Materials

The National Anthropological Archives holds additional photographs by photographers represented in this collection (including original negatives for some of these prints), particularly in Photo Lot 24, Photo Lot 37, Photo Lot 60, Photo Lot 87.

Additional photographs by Whitney, Gardner, and Barry held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 80-18.

Julian Vannerson and James E. McClees photographs held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 4286.

Pywell photographs held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 4498.

O'Sullivan photographs held in National Anthropological Archives Photo lot 4501.

Additional Hillers photographs held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 83-18 and Photo Lot 87-2N.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

James E. Taylor (1839-1901) was an artist-correspondent for Leslie's Illustrated Weekly Newspaper from 1863-1883. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, he graduated from Notre Dame University by the age of sixteen. Taylor enlisted in the 10th New York Infantry in 1861 and the next year was hired by Leslie's Illustrated newspaper as a "Special Artist" and war correspondent. In 1864 he covered the Shenandoah Valley campaign, and was later one of the illustrator-correspondents at the 1867 treaty negotiations at Medicine Lodge, Kansas. He soon earned the moniker "Indian Artist" because of his vast number of drawings of American Indians. In 1883 Taylor retired from Leslie's to work as a freelance illustrator. Colonel Richard Irving Dodge used Taylor's drawings to illustrate his memoir, "Our Wild Indians: Thirty-three Years' Personal Experience among the Red Men of the Great West" (1882).

Scope and Contents

Scrapbook entitled "Our Wild Indians in Peace and War: Surveys, Expeditions, Mining and Scenery of the Great West," compiled by James E. Taylor, possibly as a source for his own illustrations. The album includes photographs (mostly albumen with three tintypes), newsclippings, wood engravings, and lithographs, some of which are reproductions of Taylor's own illustrations and paintings. Photographs depict American Indians, US Army soldiers and scouts, historical sites, forts, and scenery. Some were made on expeditions, including the Hayden and Powell surveys, and created from published stereographs. Many of Taylor's illustrations are signed, and some are inscribed with dates and "N. Y." The scrapbook also includes clippings from newspapers and other written sources relating to illustrations and photographs in the album.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 4605

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Apache Indians
Cherokee Indians
Cheyenne Indians
Church buildings
Comanche Indians
Creek Indians
Crow Indians
Dance
Fox Indians
Gros Ventre Indians (Montana)
Indians of North America -- Great Basin
Indians of North America -- Great Plains
Indians of North America -- Northeast
Indians of North America -- Plateau
Indians of North America -- Southern States
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
Kiowa Indians
Mines and mineral resources
Modoc Indians
Mormon Church -- History
Navajo Indians
Oglala Indians
Ojibwa Indians
Omaha Indians
Painting
Pawnee Indians
Potawatomi Indians
Pueblo Indians
Sauk Indians
Shoshoni Indians
Ute Indians
Washita Campaign, 1868-1869
White River Massacre, Colo., 1879
Winnebago Indians
Zuni Indians

Cultures:

Apache Indians
Cherokee Indians
Cheyenne Indians
Comanche Indians
Creek Indians
Crow Indians
Fox Indians
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Indians of North America -- Great Basin
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

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Omaha Indians
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Potawatomi Indians
Pueblo Indians
Sauk Indians
Shoshoni Indians
Ute Indians
Winnebago Indians
Zuni Indians

Types of Materials:

Newspapers
Photographs
Tintypes
Woodcuts

Names:

Barry, D. F. (David Francis), 1854-1934
Buffalo Bill, 1846-1917
Crook, George, 1829-1890
Custer, George Armstrong, 1839-1876
Easterly, Thomas M. (Thomas Martin), 1809-1882
Eaton, E. L. (Edric L.), b. ca. 1836
Ebell, Adrian J. (Adrian John), 1840-1877
Gardner, Alexander, 1821-1882
Geological Survey (U.S.)
Hickok, Wild Bill, 1837-1876
Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Jackson, William Henry, 1843-1942
Juárez, Benito, 1806-1872
Kinman, Seth
M'Clees, Jas. E. (James E.)
Miles, Nelson Appleton, 1839-1925
O'Sullivan, Timothy H., 1840-1882
Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902
Pywell, Wm. R. (William Redish), 1843-1886
Red Cloud, 1822-1909
Richard, Louis
Sheridan, Philip Henry, 1831-1888
Sitting Bull, 1831-1890
Spotted Tail, 1823-1881
United States. Army
Vannerson, Julian, 1827-
Whitney, Joel E. (Joel Emmons), 1822-1886

Geographic Names:

Arizona
California
Colorado
Fort Davis (Tex.)
Fort Snelling (Minn.)
Kansas
Mexico
New Mexico
Oregon
San Juan Pueblo (N.M.)
Taos Pueblo (N.M.)
Texas
Zuni (N.M.)

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