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John K. Hillers photographs of Pueblos, 1870s-1880s (bulk 1879)

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	John K. Hillers photographs of Pueblos
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.143
Date:	1870s-1880s (bulk 1879-1879)
Creator:	Hillers, John K., 1843-1925 (Photographer)
Extent:	40 Mounted prints (circa; albumen)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

This collection may have been transferred to the Bureau of American Ethnology by the United States Geological Survey.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional Hillers photographs in the National Anthropological Archives can be found in Photo Lot 14, Photo Lot 24, Photo Lot 28, Photo Lot 40, Photo Lot 83-18, Photo Lot 87-2N, Photo Lot 90-1, Photo Lot 92-46, and the BAE historical negatives.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Anthropological Archives also holds Hillers's diary from 1871-1872 and 1874, 1875 (MS 4410).

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

John K. Hillers (1843-1925) immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1852. He spent almost twenty years photographing Native Americans, largely for the Bureau of American Ethnology and the United States Geological Survey. He began work on the Survey as a boatman on John Wesley Powell's second expedition down the Colorado River in 1871. He soon became the assistant, and then main photographer (1872) for

the expedition. From 1879 to 1900, Hillers served as the first staff photographer of the Bureau of Ethnology, and in 1881 he took pictures for the United States Geological Survey.

Scope and Contents

The collection primarily consists of photographs made by John K. Hillers for the Bureau of American Ethnology documenting pueblos, cliff and rock dwellings, and people in Arizona and New Mexico. The photographs depict Navajo, Zuni, Taos, Oraibi, Walpi, Tesuque, Sichomovi, Cochiti, Mishongnavi, and Shipaulovi Pueblos. There are also pictures of mounds, possibly in West Virginia, and a Hobart Nichols drawing of the interior of a Pueblo dwelling. The bulk of the photographs are on BAE mounts, of which some are stamped "Compliments of J. W. Powell". Several of the images were made during the United States Geological Survey in 1885.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 143

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- A:shiwi (Zuni)
- Cochiti Pueblo
- Diné (Navajo)
- Hopi Pueblo
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New Pueblos
- Taos Indians

Cultures:

- A:shiwi (Zuni)
- Cochiti Pueblo
- Diné (Navajo)
- Hopi Pueblo
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New Taos Indians

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Nichols, Hobart, 1869-1962
- Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902

Places:

- Chelly, Canyon de (Ariz.)

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Tesuque

Pueblo

Oraibi

Mishongnavi

Container Listing

View of West Court of Pueblo Showing Kiva Entrance and Adobe House
Clusters with Ladders, Chimneys, and Stacks of Firewood, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02657600

OPPS NEG.56395

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona -- Oraibi Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Hopi

View of East Court of Pueblo Showing Kiva Entrance and Adobe House
Clusters with Ladders; Peaches and Squash Drying on Two Houses Nearby,
1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02657700

OPPS NEG.56394

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona -- Oraibi Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Hopi

View of East Court of Pueblo Showing Kiva Entrance and Adobe House
Clusters with Ladders; Peaches and Squash Drying on Two Houses Nearby,
1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 014 in x 017 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02657800

OPPS NEG.56394

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona -- Oraibi Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Hopi

View of East Court of Pueblo Showing Kiva Entrance and Adobe House
Clusters with Ladders; Peaches and Squash Drying on Two Houses Nearby,
1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02657900

OPPS NEG.41831A

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona -- Oraibi Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Hopi

View of Pueblo Plaza, Facing Southwest, Showing Adobe House Cluster, Corn Drying on Ground and Rooftops, Beehive Ovens, Chimneys Topped with Pots, Troughs, and Wood Plough In Foreground, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02658000

OPPS NEG.2068C

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Tesuque Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Tesuque

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

View, from Roof-Top, of Pueblo, Showing Adobe House Clusters, Corn Drying on Roof-Tops, Beehive Ovens, Chimneys Topped With Pots, and Group in Partial Native Dress, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02658100

OPPS NEG.2173C

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Cochiti Pueblo

Topic: Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Cochiti Pueblo

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

View of Enclosed Gardens of Farming Village Showing Corn Drying; Adobe House Cluster in Distance, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02658200

OPPS NEG.2173C

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Pescado Pueblo/Zuni Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: A:shiwi (Zuni)

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

View of Pueblo Showing Adobe House Cluster, Ladders, And Chimney Topped with Pots; Man and Pack Burro in Foreground, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02658300

OPPS NEG.41831C

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona -- Sichomovi Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Hopi

View from Base of Mesa of Pueblo Showing Adobe House Cluster, 1879
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02658400

OPPS NEG.81-13640

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona -- Walpi Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Hopi

Man and Woman on Adobe House Terrace and Another Man on House
Ladder, All in Native Dress; Kiva Nearby; Chilies Hanging From House Walls;
Firewood on Storage Rack, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02658500

OPPS NEG.81-13639

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona -- Walpi Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Hopi

View of Ruins of Casa Blanca Cliff Dwellings; Petroglyphs On Cliff, 1882
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 014 in x 017 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02658600

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona -- Canyon de Chelly/Casa Blanca

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi

Ruins of Pueblo Showing Banded Stone Construction, 1882

1 Photographic print (007 in x 008 in mounted on 011 in x 014 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02658700

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Chaco Canyon

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi

View of Cave Dwellings, 1882

1 Photographic print (007 in x 008 in mounted on 011 in x 014 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02658800

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
Arizona
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi

View of Ruins of Cliff Dwellings, 1882
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02658900
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
New Mexico
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi

Non-Native Man Near Ruins of Stone Wall; Wood Beans Visible In Stone
Construction, 1882
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02659000
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
Arizona ?
New Mexico ?
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi

Non-Native Man at Ruins of Cliff Dwellings, 1882
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02659100
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
Arizona ?
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi

View of Ruins of Cliff Dwellings; Non-Native Woman Nearby, 1882
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02659200
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
Arizona
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi

Ruin of Stone Wall? on Boulder; Non-Native Man in Distance, 1879
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02659300
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona ?

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi

View of Ruins of Stone House?, 1882

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02659400

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi

View of Ruins of Cliff Dwellings, 1882

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K.?

Notes: NAA INV.02659500

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi

View of Rock Formations, 1882

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K.?

Notes: NAA INV.02659600

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona

Genre/Form: Photographs

View of Farming Village, Occupied During Planting and Harvesting Season,
Showing Adobe House Clusters, Beehive Ovens, and Painted Water Jar with
Deer Motifs with Heart Lines in Foreground, 1882

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K.?

Notes: NAA INV.02659700

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Nutria Pueblo/Zuni Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: A:shiwi (Zuni)

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

View of Inclosed Gardens of Farming Village Showing Corn Drying; Adobe
House Cluster in Distance, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K.?

Notes: NAA INV.02659800

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Pescado Pueblo/Zuni Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: A:shiwí (Zuni)
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

View of Mishongnovi Pueblo with Shipaulovi Pueblo in Distance, 1879
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K.?

Notes: NAA INV.02659900

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Mishongnovi Pueblo/Shipaulovi Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Hopi

View of Mishongnovi Pueblo with Shipaulovi Pueblo in Distance, 1879
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K.?

Notes: NAA INV.02660000

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Mishongnovi Pueblo/Shipaulovi Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Hopi

View of Artificial Mound, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K.?

Notes: NAA INV.02660100

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico ?

Arizona ?

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Anasazi ?

View of Artificial Mound; Bundles of Hay? in Foreground, 1879
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K.?

Notes: NAA INV.02660200

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico ?

Arizona ?

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Anasazi ?

View of Corn Field at Base of Artificial Mound, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K.?

Notes: NAA INV.02660300

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico ?

Arizona ?
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi ?

View of Artificial Mound, 1879
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K.?
Notes: NAA INV.02660400
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
New Mexico ?
Arizona ?
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi ?

View of Artificial Mound, 1879
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K.?
Notes: NAA INV.02660500
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
New Mexico ?
Arizona ?
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi ?

View of Mishongnovi Pueblo and Adobe House Structure with Group of
Women on Terrace, 1879
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02660600
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
New Mexico -- Mishongnovi Pueblo/Shipaulovi Pueblo
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Hopi

Ruins of Volcanic Rock Walls, 1879
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02660700
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
New Mexico ?
Arizona ?
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi ?

View of Pueblo Showing Adobe House Clusters, Beehive Ovens, Storage
Racks, Drain Gutters, Ladders, and Group on Rooftop, 1879
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02660800

OPPS NEG.34188G

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Zuni Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Taos Indians

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

View of Pueblo Showing Adobe House Clusters, Beehive Ovens, Storage
Racks, Drain Gutters, Ladders, and Group on Rooftop, 1879

1 Photographic print (011 in x 013 in mounted on 014 in x 017 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02660900

OPPS NEG.34188G

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Zuni Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Taos Indians

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

View of Southern Front of Pueblo, Showing Adobe House Cluster, Chillies and
Meat ? Hanging from House Beams, Chimneys Topped with Pots, Beehive
Oven, and Mica Windows, 1879

1 Photographic print (011 in x 013 in mounted on 014 in x 017 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02661000

OPPS NEG.2267R

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Zuni Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: A:shiwi (Zuni)

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

View of Rooftops of Pueblo Showing Corn and Squash Drying, Chillies
Hanging from House Walls, Ladders, Drain Gutters Outside And Chimneys,
Corrals, Inclosed Gardens and To'wa Yal'lanne (Corn Mountain) in Distance,
1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 014 in x 017 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02661100

OPPS NEG.2267E1

OPPS NEG.2267E

To'wa Yal'lanne (Corn Mountain) Is Site of Ancient Zuni
Occupation

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Zuni Pueblo /To'wa Yal'lanne

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: A:shiwi (Zuni)

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

View of Rooftops of Pueblo Showing Corn and Squash Drying, Chilies Hanging from House Walls, Ladders, Drain Gutters Outside And Chimneys, Corrals, Inclosed Gardens and To'wa Yal'lanne (Corn Mountain) in Distance, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02661200

OPPS NEG.2267E1

OPPS NEG.2267E

To'wa Yal'lanne (Corn Mountain) Is Site of Ancient Zuni Occupation

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Zuni Pueblo /To'wa Yal'lanne

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: A:shiwi (Zuni)

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

View of Pueblo Showing Adobe House Cluster, Corrals, Enclosed Gardens and Frank Hamilton Cushing's Adobe House in Foreground, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02661300

OPPS NEG.2308C

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Zuni Pueblo /To'wa Yal'lanne

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: A:shiwi (Zuni)

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

View of Adobe House Cluster Showing Corn and Meat? Drying, Roof Openings, Chilies Hanging from House Walls, Baskets, Pots, Beehive Ovens, Selenite Windows, and Ladders, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 014 in x 017 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02661400

OPPS NEG.2267J

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico -- Zuni Pueblo /To'wa Yal'lanne

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: A:shiwi (Zuni)

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Ceremony: Group of Koyemshi (Mudhead) Kachinas in Dance Costume in Plaza; Group of Spectators in Native Dress on Rooftops; Frank Hamilton Cushing in his Zuni Costume, Watching, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02661500
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
New Mexico -- Zuni Pueblo /To'wa Yal'lanne
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: A:shiwi (Zuni)
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Man and Woman on Adobe House Terrace, Another Man on Ladder; All in Native Dress; Kiva Nearby; Chilies Hanging from House Walls; Firewood on Storage Rack, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02661600

OPPS NEG.81-13639

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Arizona -- Walpi Pueblo

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Hopi

Man?, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02661700

/Woman? Wearing Blanket and Sitting Outside Hogan

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico ?

Arizona ?

Topic: Navaho

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Diné (Navajo)

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Man?, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 016 in x 020 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02661800

/Woman? Wearing Blanket and Sitting Outside Hogan

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico ?

Arizona ?

Topic: Navaho

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Diné (Navajo)

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Man?, 1879

1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 014 in x 017 in)

Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Notes: NAA INV.02661900
/Woman? Wearing Blanket and Sitting Outside Hogan
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
New Mexico ?
Arizona ?

Topic: Navaho
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Diné (Navajo)
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Man?, 1879
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 014 in x 017 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02662000
/Woman? Wearing Blanket and Sitting Outside Hogan
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
New Mexico ?
Arizona ?

Topic: Navaho
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Diné (Navajo)
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Man?, 1879
1 Photographic print (010 in x 013 in mounted on 014 in x 017 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02662100
/Woman? Wearing Blanket and Sitting Outside Hogan
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
New Mexico ?
Arizona ?

Topic: Navaho
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Diné (Navajo)
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

View of Ruins of Stone Structure, 1879
1 Photographic print (007 in x 010 in mounted on 011 in x 014 in)
Creator: Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Notes: NAA INV.02662200
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
New Mexico ?
Arizona ?

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Anasazi ?

Photo of Drawing by Hobart Nichols, of Interior of Adobe House Showing Pot
in Fireplace, Milling Bins, Turtle Shell Rattle? In Niche, Blanket Hanging from
Beam, and Ladder, 1890

1 Photographic print (006 in x 009 in mounted on 011 in x 014 in)

Notes: NAA INV.02662300

Original Drawing Made in 1890

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

New Mexico ?

Arizona ?

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Hopi Pueblo

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New