



Smithsonian
National Museum of Natural History

Palestine Exploration Fund photograph collection
of Biblical antiquities and sites, circa 1890-1895

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Palestine Exploration Fund photograph collection of Biblical antiquities and sites
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.158
Date:	circa 1890-1895
Extent:	56 Mounted prints (albumen)
Creator:	Palestine Exploration Fund
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated to the United States National Museum from the Palestine Exploration Fund in 1890 (accession 22944) and 1895 (accession 29586). Collection also includes material donated by D. Sulzberger in 1890 (accession 23302). Seven photographs were found in the files in the office of Gus Van Beek, an anthropologist at the Smithsonian, and transferred to the National Anthropological Archives, 1979.

Location of Other Archival Materials

This collection has been relocated from Photo Lot 79-38.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional Palestine Exploration Fund photographs, previously filed in Photo Lot 97, have been relocated and merged with Photo Lot 158. These photographs were also funded and collected by the Palestine Exploration Fund and form part of this collection.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Images of exhibits at the Cotton States and International Exposition can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in the BAE historical negatives.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Smithsonian Institution Archives holds the Exposition Records of the Smithsonian Institution and the United States National Museum, 1867-1940 (SIA RU000070).

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional material from the Palestine Exploration Fund can be found in the Department of Anthropology in accession 35833.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Palestine Exploration Fund archives holds additional photographs and artifacts relating to its studies.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Material found in Gus Van Beek's office can also be found in the National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 79-34.

See others in

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Available Formats

Digital surrogate is available online.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 158, Palestine Exploration Fund photograph collection of Biblical antiquities and sites, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

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

The Palestine Exploration Fund was established in 1865 by a group of British academics and clergymen to "promote research into the archaeology and history, manners and customs and culture, topography, geology and natural sciences of biblical Palestine and the Levant."

Scope and Contents

Photographs collected by the Palestine Exploration Fund depicting sites and peoples in Syria, Israel, and Palestine that relate to Biblical events. Sites include the Great Mosque in Damascus, Nazareth, a Samaritan camp, remains of synagogues, Mount Gerizim, and Jerusalem. The photographs, which were either made or funded by members of the Palestine Exploration Fund, were collected by the United States National Museum for the Cotton States and International Exposition in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1895; many of them still have the accompanying text from that exhibit, including identification information and Biblical citations.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 158, USNM ACC 29586, USNM ACC 22944, USNM ACC 23302

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Jews
- Palestinian Arabs
- Samaritans

Cultures:

- Jews
- Palestinian Arabs
- Samaritans

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Geographic Names:

- Israel
- Middle East -- Antiquities
- Palestine
- Syria