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William D. Boehmer photographs of
Seminole people, circa 1939-1963

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	William D. Boehmer photographs of Seminole people
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.18
Date:	circa 1939-1963
Creator:	Boehmer, William D.
Extent:	400 Negatives (circa; nitrate) 2,200 Negatives (circa; acetate) 2,200 Prints (circa 2200 prints (enlargements); silver gelatin) 32 Color negatives (acetate; 35 mm) 250 Negatives (circa; acetate; 35 mm)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Original negatives donated by William D. and Edith M. Boehmer, circa 1966-1970.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs by Boehmer of Seminole people held in the National Anthropological Archives MS 4526.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries hold an oral history with William Boehmer.

Other Finding Aids

Box list and basic inventory available in repository.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 18, William D. Boehmer photographs of Seminole people, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

Nitrate negatives are in cold storage and require advanced notice for viewing.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

William D. Boehmer (d. 1991) was an Educational Field Agent for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and taught on reservations in Florida. In 1938, he moved to Brighton, Florida, with his wife, Edith M. Boehmer, to teach at

the Seminole Indian Agency. When the school closed in 1954, Boehmer began working with other Seminole groups, including those at the Big Cypress Reservation and the Hollywood Seminole Reservation.

Scope and Contents

Photographs made during William Boehmer's time teaching on the Brighton and Big Cypress Reservations. They depict day schools, classes, students and other Seminole people (including the Osceola family), celebrations (including Field Days, a pow wow, and Civilian Conservation Corps Achievement Day), handicrafts, agriculture, meetings, and Seminole dances.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 18

Reproduction Note

Enlargements and prints made from original negatives by the Smithsonian Institution, circa 1966-1972.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Dance
- Handicraft
- Harvesting
- Indians of North America -- Southern States
- Schools
- Seminole

Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- Southern States
- Seminole

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Civilian Conservation Corps (U.S.)

Places:

- Big Cypress Reservation (Fla.)
- Brighton Reservation (Fla.)
- Florida