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## Photographs of We'wha demonstrating Zuni textile making, circa 1886

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Photographs of We'wha demonstrating Zuni textile making
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1886
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.2004-03
<b>Creator:</b>	Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology
<b>Extent:</b>	5 Albumen prints (mounted) 7 Cyanotypes (photographic prints)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Photographs removed from the National Anthropological Archives File Prints by Kathleen Baxter in 1985 were not formally accessioned until November 2004. One photograph, relocated from MS 4624 (now Photo Lot 23) in September 2013, may have been collected by Matilda Coxe Stevenson for her manuscript "Dress and adornment of the Pueblo Indians." The other photographs may have originally been collected by the Bureau of American Ethnology.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

One albumen print mounted on boudoir card, previously held in MS 4624 (now in Photo Lot 23) has been relocated and merged with Photo Lot 2004-03.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Original glass negatives for most of these images are held in the National Anthropological Archives in the BAE historical negatives.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs of We'wha are in the National Anthropological Archives in the Matilda Coxe Stevenson photographs (Photo Lot 23).

### Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Anthropological Archives also holds the Matilda Coxe Stevenson papers (MS 4689).

### See others in

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### Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 2004-03, Photographs of We'wha demonstrating Zuni textile making, 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.

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## Biographical Note

We'wha (d. 1896) was a Zuni berdache and one of Matilda Coxe Stevenson's main informants in her research. In 1886, We'wha spent six months in Washington, D.C., living with Stevenson and her husband and helping the Bureau of American Ethnology to record Zuni knowledge. As part of this documentation, the Bureau also photographed We'wha demonstrating Zuni weaving techniques.

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## Scope and Contents

Includes images of We'wha (Zuni) spinning wool, setting up a loom, and weaving a blanket at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. The photographs were probably made as part of a demonstration commissioned by Matilda Coxe Stevenson or the Bureau of American Ethnology.

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 2004-03

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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:

A:shiwi (Zuni)  
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New  
Spinning  
Weaving

### Cultures:

A:shiwi (Zuni)  
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

### Types of Materials:

Cyanotypes  
Photographs

### Names:

Stevenson, Matilda Coxe, 1850-1915

We'wha, 1849-1896