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Cosmos Mindeleff photographs of cliff
dwellings at Canyon de Chelly, circa 1893

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Cosmos Mindeleff photographs of cliff dwellings at Canyon de Chelly
Date:	circa 1893
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.2006-21
Creator:	Mindeleff, Cosmos, 1863-
Extent:	19 Mounted prints (albumen)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Uncertain

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs made by Cosmos Mindeleff held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 14, Photo Lot 24, Photo Lot 28, Photo Lot 83-14, and the BAE historical negatives.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Reports and correspondence by Cosmos Mindeleff held in the National Anthropological Archives in MS 4733, MS 4734, MS 4745, the Herbert William Krieger papers, Department of Anthropology (Manuscript and Pamphlet file), and Bureau of American Ethnology records.

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

Cosmos Mindeleff (1863-1938) started his career as assistant to his brother Victor Mindeleff, who was employed by the Bureau of American Ethnology to conduct studies of Pueblo architecture (1880s). In 1882, James Stevenson and the Mindeleffs visited Canyon de Chelly and Canyon del Muerto. In later years, Victor and Cosmos Mindeleff continued their research in Canyon de Chelly and Cosmos published the first authoritative archeological map of White House in 1893.

Scope and Contents

Images of Canyon de Chelly, including cliff dwellings, masonry, overlooks, and a river.

Bibliography

Photographs published in Cosmos Mindeleff, "The Cliff Ruins of Canyon de Chelly, Arizona," 16th BAE Annual Report, 79-191.

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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:

- Cliff-dwellings
- Diné (Navajo)
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Cultures:

- Diné (Navajo)
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Mindeleff, Victor, 1860-1948

Places:

- Chelly, Canyon de (Ariz.)