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## Gilbert S. Tower photographs of Cuna people of the San Blas Islands, 1921

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Gilbert S. Tower photographs of Cuna people of the San Blas Islands
<b>Date:</b>	1921
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.2011-37
<b>Creator:</b>	Tower, Gilbert S.
<b>Extent:</b>	16 Prints (silver gelatin)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Donated by Gilbert S. Tower's daughter-in-law, Nancy Tower, to the National Museum of Natural History in 1978 (accession 327937). Transferred to the National Anthropological Archives in 2011.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

National Museum of Natural History Department of Anthropology Collections holds Cuna artifacts collected by Gilbert Tower (accession 327937).

### Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 2011-37, Gilbert S. Tower photographs of Cuna people of the San Blas Islands, 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

Gilbert S. Tower was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and engineer for the Panama Canal. He visited the San Blas Islands on a one-day excursion, which was sponsored by the Panamanian government, while working on the canal in 1921.

## Scope and Contents

Photographs depicting villages and people of the San Blas Islands made or collected by Gilbert Tower during his work in Panama. The prints are mounted on unbound pages, probably from an album.

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 2011-37

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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:

Guna (Kuna)

Cultures:

Guna (Kuna)

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Places:

San Blas Islands (Panama)

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## Addl. KW Subj

San Blas Indians