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Albertype Company photograph collection
relating to American Indians, circa 1890-1910

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Albertype Company photograph collection relating to American Indians
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.25
Date:	circa 1890-1910
Extent:	318 Negatives (circa; nitrate (includes copy negatives))
Creator:	Albertype Co.
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

The Albertype Company's collection of prints and negatives was donated to the Library of Congress in the 1950s. The Library turned the negatives over to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, which in turn divided them among several repositories, including this collection sent to the National Anthropological Archives.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Library of Congress, Wisconsin Historical Society, and Historical Society of Pennsylvania also hold original Albertype Company prints and negatives.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Albertype Company views are also held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 88-37, Photo Lot 92-37, and Photo Lot 92-3.

See others in

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Other Finding Aids

Preliminary finding aid with folder list available in repository.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 25, Albertype Company photograph collection relating to American Indians, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

Original nitrate negatives are in cold storage and require advanced notice for viewing. Modern copy prints and copy negatives for nearly all images are available.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

The Albertype Company, headquartered in Brooklyn, New York, published viewbooks and postcards for national distribution. Founded by Adolph and Herman Witteman, the company began publishing souvenir photographic albums as early as 1867. The Wittemans established Witteman Brothers in 1885, and then the Albertype Company in 1890. From 1890 to 1950, the firm published collotypes made from the photographs of its agents (including Adolph Witteman), other companies, and independent photographers. The firm was purchased in 1952 by Art Vue Post Card Company.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of photographs collected by the Albertype Company for their postcards and viewbooks, including portraits, scenery, camps, American Indian schools, and some paintings and composites for postcard printing. Additional subjects include rock drawings in Maine; a statue in Kansas City, Missouri; Standing Rock Monument in North Dakota; people in Atlin, British Columbia; Carib rock drawings in the Virgin Islands; and totem poles in Vancouver.

Included are works of Charles Milton Bell, E. A. Benson, C. R. Bourne, H. E. Brown, William Bull, H. H. Clarke, George B. Cornish, Frank Bennett Fiske, H. Lee Flood, N. W. Halsey, Fred Harvey, H. R. Hazeltine, Kiser Photograph Company, W. H. Martin, C. W. Mathers, Frank Matsura, W. H. Matthewson, Charles E. Morris, Ernest Moses, J. S. Myers, M. O'Connor, G. W. Parsons, Roland W. Reed, C. B. Robinson, J. E. Stimson, W. M. Stoltz, and H. H. Watkins. Clarke and Fiske, however, are the only photographers with more than a few images.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 25

Reproduction Note

Modern copy negatives and prints made by Smithsonian Institution, circa 1972.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

A'aninin (Gros Ventre)

A:shiwi (Zuni)

Acoma Pueblo
Apache Indians
Arctic peoples
Assiniboine (Stoney)
Caddo
Catawba Indians
Coast Salish
Colville
Cree
Dakota Indians
Dogrib Indians
Eskimos
Fox Indians
Haida Indians
Havasupai Indians
Hawaiians
Hopi Indians
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Indians of North America -- Great Plains
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Indians of North America -- Northwest Coast of North America
Indians of North America -- Plateau
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Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
Indians of North America -- Subarctic
Inunaina (Arapaho)
Isleta Indians
Japanese
Kiowa Indians
Laguna Indians
Mohave Indians
Navajo Indians
Nez Percé Indians
Niuam (Comanche)
Nuxalk (Bellacoola)
Ojibwa Indians
Osage Indians
Pawnee Indians
Piipaash (Maricopa)
Ponca Indians
Pueblo Indians
Rock paintings
Salish Indians
Sarsi Indians
Seminole Indians
Shawnee
Shoshoni Indians
Taos Indians
Tewa Indians
Totem poles
Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

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Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Bell, C. M. (Charles Milton), approximately 1849-1893
Clarke, H. H.
Cornish, Geo. B. (George Bancroft)
Fiske, Frank Bennett, 1883-1952
Flood, H. Lee
Fred Harvey (Firm)
Hazeltine, H. R.
Kiser Photo Co. (Portland, Or.)
Martin, W. H. (William H.), 1865-1940
Mathers, C. W.
Matsura, Frank, 1873-1913
N.W. Halsey & Co.
Reed, Roland, 1864-1934
Stimson, Joseph Elam, 1870-1952
Watkins, H. H.
Witteman, Hermann L., -1952
Wittemann, A. (Adolph), 1845-1938 (collector and photographer)

Geographic Names:

British Columbia
Kansas City (Mo.)
Maine
Vancouver (British Columbia)
Virgin Islands

Addl. KW Subj

Assiniboin; Assiniboine
Blackfoot
Flathead
Sioux
Meskwaki; Sauk & Fox
Bella Coola (Nuxalk)
Chippewa
Sandia
San Ildefonso
Santa Clara
Santo Domingo (Kewa)
Sarcee
Shoshone

Tesuque