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Jesse Walter Fewkes photographs of excavations  
in Mesa Verde National Park, circa 1919-1921

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Jesse Walter Fewkes photographs of excavations in Mesa Verde National Park
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1919-1921
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.30
<b>Creator:</b>	Fewkes, Jesse Walter, 1850-1930
<b>Extent:</b>	45 Prints (silver gelatin and photostat) 3 sketches on graph paper
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Jesse Walter Fewkes photographs of excavations in Mesa Verde National Park</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional Fewkes photographs held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 4321, Photo Lot 1, and Photo Lot 86 (negatives).

### Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Anthropological Archives also holds Fewkes's field notes and papers (MS 4408).

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Correspondence from Fewkes held in the National Anthropological Archives in the George L. Beam papers (MS 4517), the Henry Bascom Collins, Jr. papers, the Anthropological Society of Washington records (MS 4821), the Herbert William Krieger papers, the J.C. Pilling papers, the Walter Hough Papers (in the records of the Department of Anthropology), and the records of the Bureau of American Ethnology.

### See others in

Jesse Walter Fewkes photographs of excavations in Mesa Verde National Park, circa 1919-1921

### Other Finding Aids

finding aid available in the repository.

### Preferred Citation

Photo lot 30, Jesse Walter Fewkes photographs of excavations in Mesa Verde National Park, 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

Jesse Walter Fewkes (1850-1930) was a naturalist, anthropologist, and archeologist who served as chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology from 1918 to 1928. Fewkes received a Ph.D. in marine zoology from Harvard in 1877, and was curator of lower invertebrates at the Museum of Comparative Zoology until 1887. Some of his research focuses on the culture and history of the Pueblo Indians, an interest he developed while on a collecting trip in the western United States. In 1891, Fewkes became director of the Hemenway Southwestern Archeological Expedition and editor of the Journal of American Archeology and Ethnology. Embarking on various archeological explorations for the Bureau of American Ethnology in 1895, he conducted excavations in the Southwest, the West Indies, and Florida. During the summers of 1908-1909, 1915-1916, and 1918-1922, Fewkes worked almost exclusively on excavations and repairs of ruins in Mesa Verde National Park.

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## Scope and Contents

Photographs, drawings, and maps relating to Jesse Walter Fewkes' excavations in Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado. Photographs depict the ruins and paths through the park before and after excavation and repair. There are also original photographs by George L. Beam made for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. Some of the drawings are original illustrations for Fewkes' publications.

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 30

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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:

Excavations (Archaeology)

### Types of Materials:

Drawings  
Maps  
Photographs

### Names:

Beam, George L. (George Lytle), 1868-1935  
Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company

### Places:

Colorado -- Antiquities  
Mesa Verde National Park (Colo.)

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## Container Listing

[View of a cliff face, with three men and one woman climbing across using a rope, 1908](#)

1 Print (silver gelatin; 005 in x 006 in)

Creator: Fewkes, Jesse Walter, 1850-1930

Notes: NAA INV.02619100

On verso: "Section of the Indian trail from the canyon ruin to Square Tower House. The cliff below is almost perpendicular for over a hundred feet. A party of [risktakers] is shown climbing along the trail aided by a rope."

Colorado -- Mesa Verde

Genre/Form: Photographs

[Jesse Walter Fewkes, Harriet Fewkes, and crew stabilizing ruins near Square Tower House, 1908](#)

1 Print (silver gelatin; 003 in x 006 in)

Notes: NAA INV.02619200

Colorado -- Mesa Verde

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Pueblo

[Interior of a kiva at Square Tower House showing masonry and log wall, 1908](#)

1 Print (silver gelatin; 003 in x 004 in)

Creator: Fewkes, Jesse Walter, 1850-1930

Notes: NAA INV.02619300

Colorado -- Mesa Verde/Square Tower House

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Pueblo

[Fire symbols painted on a wall, probably from Fire Temple, 1908](#)

1 Print (silver gelatin; 003 in x 004 in)

Creator: Ott, Lewis J.

Notes: NAA INV.02619400

Colorado -- Mesa Verde

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Pueblo

[Woman \(possibly Mrs. Jesse Walter Fewkes\) looking over a rail into Mesa Verde, probably near Square Tower House, 1908](#)

1 Print (silver gelatin; 003 in x 004 in)

Notes: NAA INV.02619500

On verso: "A new foot path blasted in the cliff at the most difficult part of the ancient trail."

Colorado -- Mesa Verde

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Pueblo

[Square Tower House, viewed from below, 1908](#)

1 Print (silver gelatin; 004 in x 006 in)

Notes: NAA INV.02619600

Colorado -- Mesa Verde/Square Tower House

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Pueblo

[Two views of Square Tower House after excavation and repair, 1908](#)

2 Prints (silver gelatin; 003 in x 006 in and 004 in x 004 in mounted on 008 in x 012 in)

Notes: NAA INV.02619701 NAA INV.02619702

Colorado -- Mesa Verde/Square Tower House

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Pueblo

[Man standing near the shed built over Earth Lodge A to protect it from the elements, 1920](#)

1 Print (silver gelatin; 003 in x 006 in mounted on 007 in x 011 in)

Notes: NAA INV.02619800

Colorado -- Mesa Verde

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Pueblo

[A reed mat \(probably willow\) found in the room west of Kiva D at Square Tower House, 1920, 1908](#)

1 Print (silver gelatin; 006 in x 009 in mounted on 008 in x 011 in)

Notes: NAA INV.02619900

Colorado -- Mesa Verde

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Pueblo

[Square Tower House before excavation and repair, viewed from the west, 1920](#)

1 Print (silver gelatin; 005 in x 008 in mounted on 007 in x 011 in)

Notes: NAA INV.02620000

Colorado -- Mesa Verde

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Pueblo

[Square Tower House before excavation and repair, viewed from the west, 1920](#)

1 Print (silver gelatin; 003 in x 005 in mounted on 007 in x 011 in)

Notes: NAA INV.02620100

Colorado -- Mesa Verde

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Pueblo

[Square Tower House after excavation and repair, viewed from the south, 1908](#)

1 Print (silver gelatin; 003 in x 003 in mounted on 005 in x 008 in)

Notes: NAA INV.02620200  
Colorado -- Mesa Verde  
Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Pueblo

[Excavated wall of Earth Lodge A showing adobe plastering on earth and one of the roof beams, 1920](#)

1 Print (silver gelatin; 003 in x 003 in mounted on 005 in x 008 in)  
Notes: NAA INV.02620300  
Colorado -- Mesa Verde  
Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Pueblo

Pottery or stone bowl with maze-like design, from Far View Tower, 1908

1 Print (silver gelatin; 007 in x 009 in)

[Image\(s\): Pottery or stone bowl with maze-like design, from Far View Tower](#)

Notes: NAA INV.02620400  
Names: NMNH  
Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Pueblo

[Masonry Ruins of Cliff Dwelling Beneath Overhang, 1908](#)

1 Photographic print (006 in x 011 in)  
Notes: NAA INV.02620500  
Black and white photoprint  
Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Anasazi ?

[View of Masonry Ruins of Cliff Dwelling, After Excavation And Repair, 1908](#)

1 Photographic print (007 in x 007 in mounted on 009 in x 011 in)  
Notes: NAA INV.02620600  
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount  
Colorado -- Mesa Verde/Square Tower House  
Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Anasazi ?

[View of Masonry Ruins of Cliff Dwelling, After Excavation And Repair, 1908](#)

1 Photographic print (008 in x 010 in mounted on 010 in x 012 in)  
Creator: Beam, George L.  
Notes: NAA INV.02620700  
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount  
Colorado -- Mesa Verde/Square Tower House  
Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Anasazi ?

[Stone:Incised:Maze Design:Found with Ahola Kachina \(Germ God\), 1908](#)

1 Photographic print (003 in x 004 in mounted on 007 in x 009 in)

Notes: NAA INV.02620800  
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount  
Names: NMNH  
Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Hopi

[Map of Mesa Verde Area Showing Location of Ruins, 1908](#)

1 Photomechanical print (007 in x 011 in)  
Notes: NAA INV.02620900  
Black and white photomechanical print  
Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Anasazi ?

[View from Sun Point Road Showing Masonry Ruins of Cliff Dwelling, 1908](#)

1 Photographic print (008 in x 010 in mounted on 014 in x 016 in)  
Creator: Beam, George L.  
Notes: NAA INV.02621000  
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount  
Colorado -- Mesa Verde/Fire Temple  
Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Anasazi ?

[View from Sun Point Road Showing Masonry Ruins of Cliff Dwelling, 1908](#)

1 Photographic print (008 in x 010 in mounted on 014 in x 016 in)  
Creator: Beam, George L.  
Notes: NAA INV.02621100  
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount  
Colorado -- Mesa Verde/Oak Tree House  
Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Anasazi ?

[View of Trail from Sun Point Road to Fire Temple Showing Wood Ladders on Side of Cliff and Masonry Ruins on Top of Cliff, 1908](#)

1 Photographic print (010 in x 018 in mounted on 014 in x 015 in)  
Creator: Beam, George L.  
Notes: NAA INV.02621200  
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount  
Colorado -- Mesa Verde  
Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Anasazi ?

[View of Non-Native Man, Jesse Walter Fewkes, Anthropologist, Beside Masonry Ruins of Temple; Ruins of Cliff Dwelling and Wood Ladder in Background, 1908](#)

1 Photographic print (008 in x 010 in mounted on 014 in x 016 in)  
Creator: Beam, George L.  
Notes: NAA INV.02621300  
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount  
Colorado -- Mesa Verde/Fire Temple



Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Anasazi ?

[Ruins of Masonry Tower with Excavation Masonry Kiva and Log Ladder at  
Base, 1908](#)

1 Photographic print (008 in x 010 in mounted on 014 in x 016 in)

Creator: Beam, George L.

Notes: NAA INV.02621400

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Colorado -- Mesa Verde/Cedar Tree Tower

Genre/Form: Photographs  
Culture: Anasazi ?