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Frank Maryl Setzler photographs, 1929-1957

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Frank Maryl Setzler photographs
Date:	1929-1957
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.36
Creator:	Setzler, Frank M. (Frank Maryl), 1902-1975
Extent:	1,889 Prints (silver gelatin) 169 Slides (35mm) 1,204 Negatives (nitrate) 290 Lantern slides 12 Negatives (acetate)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Anthropological Archives holds the Frank Maryl Setzler papers.

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Artifacts collected during the Arnhem Land expedition are held in the anthropology collections of the National Museum of Natural History in accession 178294.

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The National Geographic Society holds motion picture film from the Arnhem Land Expedition.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Library of Australia Manuscript Collection holds some of Setzler's papers relating to the Arnhem Land Expedition (Frank Maryl Setzler - Records, 1948-1973, MS 5230).

Other Finding Aids

Draft finding aid is available in repository.

Available Formats

Some images from the collection have been digitized and are available upon request.

Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 36, Frank Maryl Setzler photographs, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

Original nitrate negatives are in special storage and require advance notice to view.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Frank Maryl Setzler (1902-1975) was an archaeologist with the United States National Museum who served as Head Curator in the Department of Anthropology from 1937 until his retirement in 1960. Setzler specialized in the archeology of the midwestern states, especially the Hopewell mounds, and was also interested in the southeastern states. During his career, he conducted fieldwork throughout the United States, and in 1948 was the deputy leader for the Australian-American Arnhem Land Expedition sponsored by the Smithsonian, the National Geographic Society, and the Australian government.

Scope and Contents

Photographs relating to or made during Setzler's archaeological work. Images depict surveys and excavations, artifacts and burials, archaeological crew members, and other individuals. They document work in Ohio (including the original Hopewell site on Paint Creek, Turner site, Newark site, High Bank Works, Tremper Mound, Seip Mound, Turner Group, Miamisburg Mound, Serpent Mound, and the Madisonville site), Wisconsin (including the Schwert group, Nicholls mound, and Trempealeau group), Louisiana (including the Marksville works and sites at Saline Point, Johnson place, and West Carroll, Madison, and Union parishes), Arkansas (including the Foster Place site). Some photographs portray the excavation of an Indian canoe on Cumberland Island in Georgia, and a body found in Mammoth Cave, Kentucky. Photographs of views in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida relate to the work of the De Soto Commission. Photographs from the 1948 Arnhem Land Expedition largely relate to Yirrkala, Milingimbi, Oenpelli (Gunbalanya), and Groote Eylandt, and include travel scenes, dances, and the preparation of face masks and bark for drawing. Some lantern slides are associated with a lecture at the Smithsonian Institution, while others depict Latin American ruins and artifacts from Jalapa, Palenque, Uxmal, Chichén Ítza, Xochicalco, and Cuzco that once belonged to William Henry Holmes.

Setzler annotated many of the negative enclosures with image information. Photocopies of the enclosures are available in the collection, as well as one box of empty original enclosures. Also in the collection is an index card bibliography on Australia, and an index card catalog of individuals from Groote Eylandt.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 36

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aboriginal Australians

Cultures:

Aboriginal Australians

Types of Materials:

Lantern slides
Photographs

Names:

Holmes, William Henry, 1846-1933
United States De Soto Expedition Commission

Places:

Arizona -- Antiquities
Arkansas -- Antiquities
Chichén Itzá Site (Mexico)
Cuzco (Peru)
Georgia -- Antiquities
Groote Eylandt (N.T.)
Gunbalanya (N.T.)
Kentucky -- Antiquities
Louisiana -- Antiquities
Ohio -- Antiquities
Palenque Site (Mexico)
Texas -- Antiquities
Uxmal Site (Mexico)
Virginia -- Antiquities
West Virginia -- Antiquities
Xochicalco Site (Mexico)
Yirrkala (N.T.)