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Herbert Becker photographs of Meskwaki people, circa 1955

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Herbert Becker photographs of Meskwaki people
Date:	circa 1955
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.38
Creator:	Becker, Herbert
Extent:	300 Prints (circa; silver gelatin)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Anthropological Archives also holds Sol Tax's Fox field notes and Fox Project records (MS 4802) and the University of Chicago Fort Berthold Action Anthropology Project records (MS 4805).

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The Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library holds two photographs by Herbert Sheldon Becker.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 38, Herbert Becker photographs of Meskwaki people, 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.

Biographical Note

Herbert Sheldon Becker was a student of Sol Tax during his Fox Project (1948-1953) with the University of Chicago and the Mesquaki settlement at Tama, Iowa. Becker later became a photographer associated with the university.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of photographs of Mesquaki (Fox) people, probably made during or as part of Sol Tax's action anthropology work with the Fox Tribe. It includes images of people, dances, archery, handicraft, vending, medical examinations, and food preparation at a single event, probably a powwow.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 38

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Baseball
- Cooking
- Dance
- Dwellings
- Fox
- Handicraft
- Indians of North America -- Northeast
- Meskwaki (Fox)
- Vending stands

Cultures:

- Fox
- Indians of North America -- Northeast
- Meskwaki (Fox)

Names:

- Fox Project
- Tax, Sol, 1907-1995

Addl. KW Subj

Meskwaki; Sauk & Fox