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*National Museum of Natural History*

Jesse Walter Fewkes photograph collection  
relating to archaeological subjects, circa 1890-1928

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Jesse Walter Fewkes photograph collection relating to archaeological subjects
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.4321
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1890-1928
<b>Creator:</b>	Fewkes, Jesse Walter, 1850-1930
<b>Extent:</b>	9 Prints (cromolithograph) 40 Prints (circa; halftone) 77 Prints (circa; albumen) 84 Drawings (circa 84 drawings (some mechanically produced)) 1,655 Prints (circa; silver gelatin) 71 Copy negatives 43 Copy prints 363 Negatives (circa; nitrate) 7 Paintings 1 Print (cyanotype) 1 Print (photogravure) 1 Postcard (collotype)
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Anthropological Archives also holds the Jesse Walter Fewkes Papers (MS 4408), his photographs of excavations in Mesa Verde (Photo Lot 30), his negatives (Photo Lot 86), and other manuscript collections by and related to Fewkes' ethnological research and archeology and his work with the Bureau of American Ethnology.

### 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.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

The anthropology collections of the National Museum of Natural History hold artifacts collected by Fewkes, including USNM ACC 048761 (relating to Casa Grande excavations) and USNM ACC 050765 (relating to Mesa Verde excavations).

### Other Finding Aids

Inventory available in repository.

## Available Formats

Digital surrogate for one drawing is available online.

## Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 4321, Jesse Walter Fewkes photograph collection relating to archaeological subjects,  
National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

## Restrictions

Original nitrate negatives are in cold storage and require advanced notice for viewing.

## 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, and chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology from 1918 to his death in 1928. Fewkes received a Ph.D. in marine zoology from Harvard in 1877, and acted as curator of lower invertebrates at the Museum of Comparative Zoology until 1887. While on a collecting trip in the western United States, he developed an interest in the culture and history of the Pueblo Indians. In 1891, Fewkes became director of the Hemenway Southwestern Archeological Expedition and editor of the *Journal of American Archeology and Ethnology*, studying and recording Hopi ceremonials. In 1895, he embarked on various archeological explorations for the Bureau of American Ethnology, excavating ruins in the Southwest, the West Indies, and Florida. He was appointed chief of the Bureau in 1918, and played an important role in the creation of Hovenweep National Monument in Colorado and Wupatki National Monument in Arizona.

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## Scope and Contents

Photographs and drawings mostly relating to archeological subjects, collected and arranged by Jesse Walter Fewkes for his reference. Subjects include burial mounds, excavations, drawn maps, as well as urns, implements, idols, pottery, and other artifacts found in excavations, and Hopi, Zuni, and Piegan ceremonies and dances. Many of the photographs and drawings were probably made by Fewkes. Publication information is noted on some. The collection also includes newspaper clippings and correspondence.

Photographs were taken in Alabama, Arizona (including Casa Grande, Elden Pueblo, Navajo National Monument, and Wupatki National Monument), Colorado (including Mesa Verde and Montezuma Valley), Florida (including Weeden Island), Illinois (Cahokia Mound), Louisiana, Maryland, Mexico (including La Huasteca Region), Mississippi Valley, New Mexico (including Chaco Canyon, Hawikuh, and Mimbres Valley), South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah (including Hill Canyon, McElmo Canyon, and McLean Basin Ruins), Hovenweep National Monument, the West Indies (including Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, and Cuba), and West Virginia.

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 4321

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- A:shiwi (Zuni)
- Burial
- Diné (Navajo)
- Excavations (Archaeology)
- Hopi Pueblo
- Huastec
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
- Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan)

### Cultures:

- A:shiwi (Zuni)
- Diné (Navajo)
- Hopi Pueblo
- Huastec
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
- Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan)

### Types of Materials:

- Photographs

### Names:

- Beam, George L. (George Lytle), 1868-1935
- Gill, De Lancey, 1859-1940
- Gill, Mary W.
- Higley, Elmer Ellsworth
- McKee, Thomas M., 1854-1939
- Mullett, G. M.
- Poley, H. S. (Horace Swartley)
- Rowland, Wesley R.
- Wittick, Ben, 1845-1903

### Places:

- Alabama -- Antiquities
- Arizona -- Antiquities
- Cahokia Mounds State Historic Park (Ill.)
- Casa Grande (Ariz.)
- Colorado -- Antiquities
- Florida -- Antiquities
- Hovenweep National Monument (Utah and Colo.)
- Huasteca Region (Mexico)
- Louisiana -- Antiquities
- Maryland -- Antiquities
- Mesa Verde National Park (Colo.)
- Mexico -- Antiquities

Navajo National Monument  
New Mexico -- Antiquities  
South Carolina -- Antiquities  
Stikine River (B.C. and Alaska)  
Tennessee -- Antiquities  
Utah -- Antiquities

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## Addl. KW Subj

Blackfoot

## Container Listing

[Drawing of three figures, one wearing Bird Mask, undated](#)

1 Item (leaf)

Notes: NAA INV.08844100

NAA MS.4321

drawing

Genre/Form: Works of art

Culture: American Indian