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Francis Harper photographs from an
expedition to Great Slave Lake, 1914

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Francis Harper photographs from an expedition to Great Slave Lake
Date:	1914
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.4606
Creator:	Harper, Francis, 1886-1972 (Photographer)
Extent:	46 Prints (silver gelatin)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Purchased from Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, Canada, in June 1961, with the assistance and approval of the Dr. Francis Harper. Correspondence with Dr. Harper and with Dr. J. M. Harrison, Director of the Geological Survey of Canada, in Bureau of American Ethnology files.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs by Francis Harper held in the National Anthropological Archives BAE historical negatives.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Smithsonian Institution Archives holds some of Harper's fieldbooks (SIA RU007434, SIA Acc. 12-443, SIA Acc. 12-581, and SIA Acc. 12-443).

Location of Other Archival Materials

The University of Kansas Kenneth Spencer Research Library holds the Francis Harper papers.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Reproductions of these photographs should include credit to the Geological Survey of Canada.

Biographical Note

Francis Harper (1886-1972) was born in Southbridge, MA to a Canadian father and German mother. He attended Cornell University, receiving a BA in 1914 and a PhD in 1925. Harper made his first trip to northern Canada in 1914, as a zoologist for the Geological Survey of Canada. During World War I, he was stationed with the US Army 79th division in France, and then in New York and Maryland. He returned to Canada in 1920, but continued to travel throughout his life. Harper also worked to trace the travels of John and William Bertram through the American South and made numerous trips to study the people and environment of the Okefinokee Swamp.

Scope and Contents

Photographs depicting Native Americans/First Nations peoples (chiefly Cree and Chipewyan) in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Mackenzie, Canada, taken by Francis Harper on an expedition of the Geological Survey of Canada to Great Slave Lake in May-September 1914. Includes images of Cree, Ojibwa, Chipewyan, Salteaux, and Slavey people, as well as images of boats, encampments, and tea dances. Each of the photographs has an associated caption, given by either Harper or the Geological Survey of Canada.

Local Call Number(s)

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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:

- Anishinaabe (Chippewa/Ojibwa)
- Boats and boating
- Camps
- Cree
- Dance
- Deh Gah Got'ine (Slavey)
- Denésoliné (Chipewyan)
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Indians of North America -- Northeast
- Indians of North America -- Subarctic
- Tli Cho (Dogrib/Thlingchadinne)

Cultures:

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Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Geological Survey of Canada

Places:

Alberta
Great Slave Lake (N.W.T.)
Saskatchewan

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Chippewa

Salteaux