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Guide to the Bertha Crum Sparks
photographs of Sicangu Lakota (Rosebud)
community in Valentine, Nebraska

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Bertha Crum Sparks photographs of Sicangu Lakota (Rosebud) community in Valentine, Nebraska
Date:	circa 1903-1930s
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.4818
Creator:	Sparks, Bertha Crum
Extent:	46 Prints (silver gelatin) 9 Prints (cyanotype)
Language:	Undetermined .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Bertha Crum Sparks photographs of Rosebud Sioux community in Valentine, Nebraska

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated in 1968 by Helen Sparks, daughter of Bertha Crum Sparks.

Available Formats

Digital surrogates available online.

Processing Information

The photographs were initially filed by tribe in Photo Lot 24. In 2010 the photos were removed from Photo Lot 24 and restored as a distinct collection.

Collection and image descriptions provided in this finding aid were compiled using the best available sources of information. Such sources may include the creator's annotations or descriptions, collection accession files, primary and secondary source material (i.e. documents, publications, and websites), and subject matter experts. While every effort is made to provide accurate information, it is understood that errors may reveal themselves following review by other subject experts, and new information is welcome.

Preferred Citation

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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

Bertha Crum (Mrs. Levi C.) Sparks lived in Valentine, Nebraska and took many photographs of visiting Sicangu Lakota people from the nearby Rosebud reservation. Some photographs were made in the Sparks' back yard.

Scope and Contents

Photographs primarily of Sicangu Lakota (Rosebud) individuals and groups at dances and other events in Valentine, Nebraska. One event is possibly related to a presidential campaign for Franklin D. Roosevelt, or a Fourth of July celebration. Also included are two photographs of a sod church in Kennedy, Nebraska. Most of the photographs were made by Bertha Crum Sparks but Helen Sparks, daughter of Bertha Sparks, may have made several.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 4818

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Sicangu Lakota (Brulé Sioux)
Sicangu Lakota [Rosebud Sioux]

Cultures:

Sicangu Lakota (Brulé Sioux)
Sicangu Lakota [Rosebud Sioux]

Types of Materials:

Cyanotypes
Photographs

Names:

Sparks, Helen

Places:

Valentine (Neb.)

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Sioux