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National Museum of Natural History

Joseph Stanley-Brown lantern
slide collection, circa 1888-1898

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Joseph Stanley-Brown lantern slide collection
Date:	circa 1888-1898
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.54
Creator:	Stanley-Brown, Joseph, 1858-1941 (Collector)
Extent:	460 Lantern slides (circa) silver gelatin; 27 mounted panoramas (each made from 3-5 prints)
Language:	Undetermined .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Joseph Stanley-Brown lantern slide collection

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated to the United States National Museum by Mary Garfield Stanley-Brown in USNM ACC 165342 in 1943.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs collected by Joseph Stanley Brown held in National Anthropological Archives in the Department of Anthropology Records (Manuscript and Pamphlet File), Photo Lot 24, and Photo Lot 37.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Smithsonian Institution Archives hold Joseph Stanley-Brown correspondence in the Frederick William True Papers, circa 1886-1910.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional lantern slides collected by Stanley-Brown and donated as part of USNM ACC 165342 held in National Museum of American History, Archives Center in the Division of Cultural History Lantern Slides and Stereographs.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Library of Congress holds Joseph Stanley-Brown papers, 1730-1941.

Other Finding Aids

Partial inventory is available in repository.

Available Formats

Digital surrogate is available online.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 54, Joseph Stanley-Brown lantern slide collection, 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

Born in Washington, DC, Joseph Stanley-Brown (1858-1941) served as private secretary to President James A. Garfield and to President Chester A. Arthur after Garfield's assassination. In 1882, he joined the US Geological Survey and was appointed Assistant Geologist (1888-1889). Stanley-Brown was appointed in 1891 by the Secretary of the Treasury to investigate conditions in the seal industry on the Pribilof islands, which was a contentious issue between the United States and Great Britain. He represented the United States as secretary to the Bering Sea Joint Commission and to commissioners at the Fur Seal Tribunal of Arbitration, Paris, France. He later became a superintendent and leaseholder for the North American Commercial Company's government-regulated sealing activities on the Pribilofs and Unalaska, and worked with several railroad companies.

Scope and Contents

Lantern slides, probably largely collected by Joseph Stanley-Brown while stationed at Dutch Harbor in charge of the Pribilof Island seal fisheries, from 1890-1898. Images of Alaska include scenery, towns, seal hunting and preparation, fishing, whaling, boats, churches, livestock, Inuit and Aleut people, and the Chilkoot Pass and images relating to the Klondike gold rush. There are also slides of related maps and charts, and images of buildings in Washington, DC, exhibits at the Smithsonian Institution, and cowboys, possibly on the Great Plains. Some lantern slides have labels from "E. H. Harriman, 1 E. 55th Street, New York."

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 54

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Arctic peoples
- Cowboys
- Eskimos
- Fisheries
- Museum exhibits

Sealing
Unangaġ (Aleut)
Whaling

Cultures:

Arctic peoples
Eskimos
Unangaġ (Aleut)

Types of Materials:

Lantern slides
Photographs

Names:

Harriman, Edward Henry, 1848-1909 (possible collector)
Stanley-Brown, Mary Garfield, 1867-1947

Places:

Alaska
Chilkoot Trail
Washington (D.C.)

Addl. KW Subj

Inuit
Alaskan Eskimo