



Smithsonian  
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Bureau of American Ethnology photograph  
albums of American Indians, 1858-1905

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Bureau of American Ethnology photograph albums of American Indians
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.60
<b>Date:</b>	1858-1905
<b>Extent:</b>	16 Albums (albumen and platinum)
<b>Creator:</b>	Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Albums found in a laboratory of the Arts and Industries Building of the Smithsonian Institution, circa 1950s.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Anthropological Archives also holds the Bureau of American Ethnology records and the BAE historical negatives, as well as Dinwiddie photographs of the W. J. McGee expeditions are held in (Photo Lot 89 and Photo Lot 144), Charles Milton Bell photographs (Photo Lot 80), and additional photographs by most photographers represented in this collection (Photo Lot 59 and Photo Lot 90-1)

### See others in

Bureau of American Ethnology photograph albums of American Indians, 1858-1905

### Other Finding Aids

Preliminary description is available with the collection. Draft inventory is available in repository.

### Preferred Citation

Photo lot 60, Bureau of American Ethnology photograph albums of American Indians, 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.

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## Biographical Note

The Bureau of American Ethnology was founded in 1879 in part as a result of the federal geological surveys and under the administration of the Smithsonian Institution. Under the directorship of John Wesley Powell (1879-1902), the BAE supported field research by its staff and collaborators, initiated several anthropological publications, and supported the growth of the anthropological discipline, particularly as it related to American Indians and specimens. In addition to its research and publications program, it developed a manuscript repository, library, and an illustrations section that included (in addition to the preparation of artwork for publications) photography and a photographic collection. The BAE commissioned studio portraits of visiting Indian delegates and hired De Lancey Gill served as the its official photographer and illustrator from the 1890s to 1930.

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## Scope and Contents

Photograph albums prepared by the Bureau of American Ethnology or the photographic lab, possibly for reference purposes by staff. The use of such albums has been mentioned by BAE photographer De Lancey W. Gill. The albums contain photographs made from the Bureau of American Ethnology's collection of negatives, documenting Apache, Arapaho, Assiniboin, Blackfoot, Cheyenne, Cocopa, Dakota, Flathead, Fox, Iowa, Kalispel, Kiowa Apache, Nez Perce, Omaha, Osage, Ponca, Santa Clara, Sauk, Shoshoni, Spokane Tonkawa, Wichita, and Winnebago Indians. The bulk of the photographs are studio portraits, made at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition in Omaha in 1898 or during delegation visits to Washington, DC. There are also other photographs made during Victor Mindeleff's work in Chaco Canyon, and on W J McGee's expedition to Sonora, Mexico, in 1900.

Photographers include Charles Milton Bell, William Dinwiddie, Alexander Gardner, De Lancey W. Gill, John K. Hillers, William Henry Jackson, Frank Albert Rinehart, Wells Moses Sawyer, Antonio Zeno Shindler, Victor or Cosmos Mindeleff, Julian Vannerson with Samuel A. Cohner. Included are negative numbers formerly used by BAE, but the National Anthropological Archives also annotated them with current negative numbers.

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## Arrangement

Titles of the albums are (1) Omaha and Winnebago; (2) miscellaneous; (3) Sauk and Fox; (4) miscellaneous; (5) Arapaho and Cheyenne; (6) Chiricahua, San Carlos, and Apache; (7) Sauk and Fox; (8) Osage, Shoshoni and Nez Perce, Siouan, Oto; (9) Santa Clara and Flathead; (10) Ponca; (11) Sauk and (12) Wichita and Kiowa Apache; (13) Cocopa; and (14) Assiniboin and Blackfoot

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 60

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Apache Indians  
Assiniboine (Stoney)  
Cocopa  
Dakota Indians  
Fox Indians  
Indians of North America -- Great Basin  
Indians of North America -- Great Plains  
Indians of North America -- Northeast  
Indians of North America -- Northwest Coast of North America  
Indians of North America -- Plateau  
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New  
Inunaina (Arapaho)  
Iowa Indians  
Kalispel Indians  
Nez Percé Indians  
Omaha Indians  
Osage Indians  
Plains Apache (Kiowa Apache)  
Ponca Indians  
Salish Indians  
Sauk Indians  
Shoshoni Indians  
Sihhasapa Indians  
Spokane Indians  
Tewa Indians  
Tonkawa Indians  
Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)  
Wichita Indians  
Winnebago Indians

### Cultures:

Apache Indians  
Assiniboine (Stoney)  
Cocopa  
Dakota Indians  
Fox Indians  
Indians of North America -- Great Basin  
Indians of North America -- Great Plains  
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Salish Indians  
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Sihasapa Indians  
Spokane Indians  
Tewa Indians  
Tonkawa Indians  
Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)  
Wichita Indians  
Winnebago Indians

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Bell, C. M. (Charles Milton), approximately 1849-1893  
Cohner, Samuel A.  
Dinwiddie, William, 1867-1934  
Gardner, Alexander, 1821-1882  
Gill, De Lancey, 1859-1940  
Hillers, John K., 1843-1925  
Jackson, William Henry, 1843-1942  
Mindeleff, Cosmos, 1863-  
Mindeleff, Victor, 1860-1948  
Rinehart, F. A. (Frank A.)  
Sawyer, Wells, 1863-1960  
Shindler, A. Zeno (Antonio Zeno), 1823-1899  
Vannerson, Julian, 1827-

Geographic Names:

Chaco Canyon (N.M.)  
New Mexico  
Sonora (Mexico : State)

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Assiniboin; Assiniboine  
Blackfoot  
Dakota, Sioux  
Flathead  
Meskwaki; Sauk & Fox  
Santa Clara  
Sauk & Fox  
Shoshone

Shoshone

Sauk & Fox

Assiniboin

Sioux

Plains Apache

Meskwaki; Sauk & Fox

Blackfeet