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Photographs used to illustrate Alfred Louis Kroeber's
"Handbook of the Indians of California," circa 1900-1919

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Photographs used to illustrate Alfred Louis Kroeber's "Handbook of the Indians of California"
Date:	circa 1900-1919
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.66E
Creator:	Kroeber, A. L. (Alfred Louis), 1876-1960
Extent:	12 Prints (silver gelatin)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Location of Other Archival Materials

Papers and notes by Kroeber can be found in National Anthropological Archives MS 2108, MS 2622, MS 2560, and MS 3134.

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Correspondence from Kroeber held in the National Anthropological Archives in MS 7116, MS 4365-a, MS 1897-a, MS 4623, NAA MS 4372(4), American Ethnological Society records, Records of the Bureau of American Ethnology, Handbook of South American Indians Records, and collections of personal papers.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 66E, Photographs used to illustrate Alfred Louis Kroeber's "Handbook of the Indians of California," 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

Alfred Louis Kroeber (1876-1960) was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, but his family moved to New York City shortly afterward. He received his BA (1896) and MA (1897) from Columbia University and worked as a teaching assistant there from 1897-1898. During this time, he took courses from Franz Boas who introduced him to the university's newly established Department of Anthropology. Kroeber received his PhD in Anthropology in 1901 and then accepted a position at the University of California at Berkeley, where he founded the Department of Anthropology. Kroeber conducted extensive research into California tribes and collected artifacts for museums. His

"Handbook of the Indians of California," submitted in 1919, was published in the Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletin in 1925. In 1923, Kroeber published "Anthropology," considered among the first general textbooks on the subject.

Scope and Contents

Images included in Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletin 78 ("Handbook of the Indians of California") and photographs of spoons and acorn gruel stirrers, some of which were also published in the volume. Among the photographs included as plates are the interior of a Yurok sweat house (plate 10), a Chilula sweat house (plate 13), a Yurok boat (plate 13), a view of the Karok center of the world (plate 22), and a Wintun cradle (plate 35).

Bibliography

Photographs published in A. L. Kroeber, "Handbook of the Indians of California," BAE Bulletin 78, 1925.

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:

- Boats and boating
- Buildings
- Implements, utensils, etc.
- Indians of North America -- California
- Karuk (Karok)
- Whilkut (Redwood Indians)
- Wintun
- Yurok

Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- California
- Karuk (Karok)
- Whilkut (Redwood Indians)
- Wintun
- Yurok

Types of Materials:

- Photographs