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William Henry Holmes collection of photographs  
of stone implements, early 20th century

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	William Henry Holmes collection of photographs of stone implements
<b>Date:</b>	early 20th century
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.73-43E
<b>Creator:</b>	Holmes, William Henry, 1846-1933
<b>Extent:</b>	62 Prints
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Transferred from the Department of Anthropology in 1973.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Correspondence by Holmes can be found throughout the National Anthropological Archives in MS 7206, the records of the Bureau of American Ethnology, and the records of the Department of Anthropology.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Manuscripts and notes by Holmes can be found throughout the National Anthropological Archives in MS 4698, MS 2125, MS 7112, and MS 7570.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

The Smithsonian Institution Archives holds the William Henry Holmes Papers, 1870-1931 (SIA RU007084).

### Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 73-43E, William Henry Holmes collection of photographs of stone implements, 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

William Henry Holmes (1846-1933) was an artist, geologist, and archeologist who spent most of his career with the United States Geological Survey of the Territories, United States Geological Survey, Bureau of

American Ethnology, and Department of Anthropology of the Smithsonian. From 1894-1897, he was the head of anthropology at the Field Columbian Museum (Field Museum of Natural History) and on the staff of the University of Chicago. From 1889 to 1894, shortly after his appointment to the Bureau of American Ethnology, William Henry Holmes conducted excavations of the quartzite and steatite quarries in the Rock Creek Valley. He later served as head curator for the US National Museum Department of Anthropology from 1897-1902 and head of the BAE from 1902-1909. During preparations for his "Handbook of Aboriginal American Antiquities," published in the 60th Bureau of American Ethnology bulletin, Holmes took charge of the archeological collections of the United States National Museum; images of which illustrate his text.

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## Scope and Contents

Photographs of stone implements collected by William Henry Holmes, probably in association with his "Handbook of Aboriginal American Antiquities" for the Bureau of American Ethnology.

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## Bibliography

Photographs published in W. H. Holmes, "Handbook of Aboriginal American Antiquities," Part I, BAE Bulletin 60, 1919.

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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:

Indians of North America -- Antiquities

Types of Materials:

Photographs