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Photographs of artifacts from the
Wilkes Expedition, circa 1880-1890

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Photographs of artifacts from the Wilkes Expedition
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.73-50
Date:	circa 1880-1890
Extent:	38 Prints (silver gelatin)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by or through Dr. Saul Riesenber, 1973.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs from the Wilkes Expedition, collected by Goward, can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 97.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional Lindt photographs can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 8 and Photo Lot 97.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Reports and documents from the Wilkes Expedition can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in MS 382524, MS 7441, MS 7439, MS 7235, and records of the Department of Anthropology.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Artifacts and specimens collected by the Wilkes Expedition can be found in various departments of the National Museum of Natural History in accessions 66A00050, 1150, 48933, and 74A00057.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Manuscripts and records relating to the USS Albatross can be found in the Smithsonian Institution Archives in the Bureau of Fisheries records (SIA RU007184) and Frederick M. Chamberlain's papers (SIA RU007258).

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

The second USS Albatross, a United States Fish Commission steamer, embarked on expeditions in the South and Central Pacific in the 1880s and 1890s. On one of these expeditions, the Smithsonian's Department of Anthropology sent photographs of material in its Oceanic collection for additional information gathering, probably including the photographs in this collection.

Scope and Contents

Photographs depicting artifacts collected and peoples encountered during the Wilkes Expedition, also known as the United States Exploring Expedition of 1838-1842. They include images of clubs, axes, spears, sennit rolls, paddles and canoes, a drum, clothing, and people from Fiji, Hawaii, the Marquesas Islands, New Caledonia, New Guinea, Samoa, and the Solomon Islands. Many of the photographs are notated with the artifacts' probable origins. The photographs were possibly made by the Department of Anthropology, and John William Lindt, with some collected by Gustavus Goward.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 73-50

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Goward, Gustavus

Lindt, J. W. (John William), 1845-1926

United States National Museum., Dept. of Anthropology., collector and photographer

Geographic Names:

Fiji

Hawaii

Marquesas Islands (French Polynesia)
New Caledonia.
New Guinea
Samoa
Solomon Islands