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John N. Choate photographs of Carlisle
School students, circa 1879-1902

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	John N. Choate photographs of Carlisle School students
Date:	circa 1879-1902
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.73-8
Creator:	Choate, J. N. (John N.), 1848-1902
Extent:	30 Albumen prints (includes boudoir cards, cabinet cards, and cartes de visite; mounted)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

The photographs were likely collected by Sarah, Martha, or Anne Underwood, sisters who may have taught at the school and befriended many of its students. They were donated to the National Anthropological Archives by the sisters' grand niece, Mrs. James Bradford Ritter in 1966 and 1973.

Location of Other Archival Materials

MS 4778, previously filed in Photo Lot 24, has been relocated and merged with Photo Lot 73-8. These photographs were also donated by Mrs. James Bradford Ritter and form part of this collection.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Anthropological Archives also holds the original John N. Choate Negatives (Photo Lot 81-12)

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional Choate photographs from the Carlisle School can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in MS 4241, MS 4537, MS 4544, MS 4574, MS 4988, and Photo Lot 90-1.

See others in

John N. Choate photographs of Carlisle School students, circa 1879-1902

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 73-8, John N. Choate photographs of Carlisle School students, 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

John N. Choate (1848-1902) was a commercial photographer in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The United States opened its first non-reservation government-supported school there in 1879 under the supervision of Lt. Richard Henry Pratt. From the opening of the Carlisle Indian School, Choate began photographing almost every student upon arrival and during their school career, as well as school activities, staff, and visiting chiefs and families. Choate remained the primary photographer for the Carlisle Indian School until his death in 1902.

Scope and Contents

Photographs depicting students in the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, many with handwritten notation identifying pictured individuals. Included are individual and group portraits showing Crow, Gros Ventre, Iowa, Omaha, Pawnee, Ponca, and San Felipe students. There are also some images of Carlisle School buildings, and one of a parade, made by Philadelphia photographer Charles Truscott.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 73-8, NAA MS 4778

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- A'aninin (Gros Ventre)
- Apsáalooke (Crow/Absaroke)
- Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
- Omaha
- Ponca
- San Felipe Pueblo
- Schools -- American Indian

Cultures:

- A'aninin (Gros Ventre)
- Apsáalooke (Crow/Absaroke)
- Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
- Omaha
- Ponca

San Felipe Pueblo

Types of Materials:

Cabinet photographs
Cartes-de-visite
Photographs
Studio portraits

Names:

Truscott, Charles
United States Indian School (Carlisle, Pa.)

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Container Listing

Group photograph of Carlisle School students, 1897

1 Item (mounted print: albumen)

Creator: Choate, J. N. (John N.), 1848-1902

Notes: NAA INV.01200100

NAA MS.4778

OPPS NEG.55920

Photo Lot.73-8

Group of male students from Carlisle School sitting on steps outside building. Possibly First Methodist Church sunday school class. Student names written on verso.

Names: Carlisle Indian Industrial School
United States Indian School (Carlisle, Pa.)

Topic: Schools -- American Indian

Genre/Form: Photographs

Portrait (Front) of Frank Everett and William Tivis (Commanche), undated

1 Photographic print (004 in x 006 in mounted on 004 in x 007 in)

Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Notes: NAA INV.02776400

OPPS NEG.80-12837

Black and white photoprint on standard card

Pennsylvania -- Carlisle

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Niuam (Comanche)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of George Hill, undated

1 Photographic print (004 in x 006 in mounted on 004 in x 007 in)

Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Notes: NAA INV.02776500

Black and white photoprint on standard card

Pennsylvania -- Carlisle

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Apsáalooke (Crow/Absaroke)

Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of George H. Thomas (Crow) and Albert Anderson, undated

1 Photographic print (002 in x 004 in mounted on 003 in x 004 in)

Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Notes: NAA INV.02776600

Black and white photoprint on standard card

Pennsylvania -- Carlisle

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Apsáalooke (Crow/Absaroke)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of George H. Thomas, undated
1 Photographic print (002 in x 004 in mounted on 003 in x 004 in)
Notes: NAA INV.02776700
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Apsáalooke (Crow/Absaroke)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of Willie Steele, APR 1888
1 Photographic print (004 in x 006 in mounted on 004 in x 007 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02776800
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle
Topic: Gros Ventre
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: A'aninin (Gros Ventre)
Minitari (Hidatsa)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of Clara Bad Boy, Persis Big Hair, George H. Thomas, Lois Pretty
Scalp, Flora-Well, and Willie Steele (Gros Ventre), undated
1 Photographic print (005 in x 008 in mounted on 005 in x 009 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02776900
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle
Topic: Gros Ventre
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: A'aninin (Gros Ventre)
Minitari (Hidatsa)
Apsáalooke (Crow/Absaroke)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of Wounded Yellow Robe, Henry Standing Bear, and Timber Yellow
Robe, All in Costume, Apparently Taken On Arrival at Carlisle, 1883
1 Photographic print (005 in x 008 in mounted on 005 in x 009 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02777000
OPPS NEG.57489
Digital surrogate produced from reference copy print
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle
Topic: Sioux

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Sioux
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of Charles Kihega, in Carlisle Indian School Uniform, 1883
1 Photographic print (002 in x 004 in mounted on 003 in x 004 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02777100
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle
Genre/Form: Photographs

Portrait (Front) of Christopher Tyndall, MAR 1887
1 Photographic print (002 in x 004 in mounted on 003 in x 004 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02777200
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Omaha
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of Christopher Tyndall, MAR 1887
1 Photographic print (002 in x 004 in mounted on 003 in x 004 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02777300
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Omaha
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of Samuel Townsend, in Carlisle Indian School Uniform, MAR 1887
1 Photographic print (002 in x 004 in mounted on 003 in x 004 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02777400
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of Samuel Townsend, MAR 1887
1 Photographic print (004 in x 006 in mounted on 004 in x 007 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02777500
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of Bride Haymore, 1887
1 Photographic print (002 in x 004 in mounted on 003 in x 004 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02777600
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of Wilkie Sharpe and Stacy Mattack, 1887
1 Photographic print (002 in x 004 in mounted on 003 in x 004 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02777700
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of Edward Myers, 16 DEC 1882
1 Photographic print (002 in x 004 in mounted on 003 in x 004 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02777800
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of William Snake (Ponca) and Edward Myers (Pawnee), Both in
Carlisle Indian School Uniform, undated
1 Photographic print (002 in x 004 in mounted on 003 in x 004 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02777900
Photo Jan 1883 or Before
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle

Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
Ponca
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of John Primeaux, undated

1 Photographic print (002 in x 004 in mounted on 003 in x 004 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02778000
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Ponca
Indians of North America -- Great Plains

Portrait (Front) of Sheldon Jackson ?, undated
1 Photographic print (002 in x 004 in mounted on 003 in x 004 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02778100
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: San Felipe
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Portrait (Front) of Percy Zodaka; Yamie Luds; John Londrash (Winnebago); Stailey;
Jose Nadiloky; Francis Ortiz; William Morgan; Chas Wolf; John Miles, undated
1 Photographic print (005 in x 008 in mounted on 005 in x 009 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02778200
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Ho-Chunk (Winnebago)
Topic: Indians of North America -- Northeast

Young Men and Women in School Uniforms Gathered Around Piano with Song
Books Inside School Building, undated
1 Photographic print (005 in x 008 in mounted on 005 in x 009 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02778300
OPPS NEG.82-15100
See Photo for Identification of Subjects
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle/Carlisle Indian School
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
Ho-Chunk (Winnebago)
Indians of North America -- Great Plains
Topic: Indians of North America -- Northeast

Portrait (Front) of Arnold Woolworth and Theodore North, Both In Carlisle Indian
School Uniform, undated

1 Photographic print (004 in x 006 in mounted on 004 in x 007 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02778400
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle
Genre/Form: Photographs

Portrait (Front) of Work Together and Bryan Early Bird, 1887
1 Photographic print (004 in x 006 in mounted on 004 in x 007 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02778500
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle
Genre/Form: Photographs

Group of Young Men, Most in School Uniform, Outside Brick School Building, undated
1 Photographic print (007 in x 010 in mounted on 008 in x 010 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02778600
See Photo for Identification of Subjects
Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle/Carlisle Indian School
Genre/Form: Photographs

Group of Girls, Students at School; Capt Pratt, Mr Standing, Miss Semple, and Other Non-Natives and Natives in Bandstand Nearby, undated
1 Photographic print (005 in x 008 in mounted on 005 in x 009 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02778700
OPPS NEG.82-15099
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle/Carlisle Indian School
Genre/Form: Photographs

Man Outside Brick Building, undated
1 Photographic print (005 in x 008 in mounted on 005 in x 009 in)
Creator: Choate, John N., of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Notes: NAA INV.02778800
OPPS NEG.82-15101
Black and white photoprint on standard card
Pennsylvania -- Carlisle/Carlisle Indian School
Genre/Form: Photographs

Crowd Watching Parade on City Street, Consisting of Carlisle Indian School Students and Native Men in Partial Costume and On Horseback, undated

1 Photographic print (006 in x 008 in mounted on 007 in x 009 in)

Creator: Truscott, Charles

Notes: NAA INV.02778900

OPPS NEG.82-15102

Black and white photoprint on cardboard mount

Pennsylvania ? -- Philadelphia ?

Genre/Form: Photographs