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William E. Hughes photographs, scrapbook, and motion picture film, circa 1891-1931

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Anthropological Archives |
| Title: | William E. Hughes photographs, scrapbook, and motion picture film |
| Date: | circa 1891-1931 |
| Identifier: | NAA.PhotoLot.75-18 |
| Creator: | Hughes, William E. |
| Extent: | 5 Reels (16 mm) 15 Negatives (glass) 2,800 Lantern slides (circa) 1 Scrapbook |
| Language: | Undetermined . |

Administrative Information

Provenance

The collection was transferred from the Smithsonian Institution Archives, 1975.

Other Finding Aids

Inventory available in repository.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 75-18, William E. Hughes photographs, scrapbook, and motion picture film, 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

William E. Hughes (1857-1944) was a Philadelphia physician who accompanied Robert E. Peary on the first part of his expedition to Greenland in 1891. He received both his MD and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1880.

Scope and Contents

Photographs made or collected by William E. Hughes during his travels in the United States, Greenland, Japan, Grenada, Trinidad, Barbados, Dominica, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Montserrat, St. Croix, St. Kitts,

St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Cuba, Venezuela, France, Brazil, Costa Rica, Yugoslavia, Greece, and Turkey. They document the landscapes, churches, public buildings, parks, statues, artisans, markets, and city streets of these locations. Films and some photographs depict Hughes's family and trips to the Grand Canyon; Hawaii; Maine; New York; New Brunswick in Canada; and Washington, D. C. A scrapbook in the collection contains newspaper clippings relating to the 1891 Peary expedition to Greenland and a few letters accompany the photographs.

Lantern slides of Japan appear to be commercially made and hand-tinted, and slides relating to the Peary Expedition may have been made by Dr. Benjamin Sharpe, another scientist on the expedition.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 75-18

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

- Lantern slides
- Motion pictures (visual works)
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Peary Greenland Expedition, 1891

Places:

- Barbados
- Brazil
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Dominica
- France
- Grand Canyon (Ariz.)
- Greece
- Grenada
- Hawaii
- Japan
- Maine
- Martinique
- Mexico
- Montserrat
- New Brunswick
- New York (State)
- Philadelphia (Pa.)
- Saint Kitts
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turkey

Venezuela
Virgin Islands
Washington (D.C.)
Yugoslavia