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David I. Bushnell photographs  
of Aztec atlats, 1905-1906

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	David I. Bushnell photographs of Aztec atlals
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.80-35
<b>Date:</b>	1905-1906
<b>Extent:</b>	3 mounted composite prints (probably platinum)
<b>Creator:</b>	Bushnell, David I., Jr. (David Ives), 1875-1941
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Transferred to the United States National Museum in 1913 by David Ives Bushnell, Jr., an anthropologist for the Smithsonian Institution (accession 55031). Transferred to the National Anthropological Archives by Clifford Evans, 1980.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Surveys, reports, data and notes by Bushnell held in National Anthropological Archives MS 3433, MS 2255, MS 3434, MS 4098, MS 7138, MS 4109, MS 2126, and MS 4494.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Photographs by Bushnell held in National Anthropological Archives Photo lot 141B, Photo Lot 24, Photo Lot 2522-c, and the BAE historical negatives.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Correspondence from Bushnell can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in the Henry Bascom Collins, Jr. Papers, John P. Harrington Papers, Ales Hrdlicka Papers, Bureau of American Ethnology records, and MS 4210.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

The Earl Gregg Swem Library, College of William and Mary holds the David Ives Bushnell, Jr. Papers, 1797-1941 and the Peabody Museum Archives, Harvard University holds the Bushnell, David Ives, Jr. (1875-1941) collection records, as well as his large painting and artifact collection.

### Preferred Citation

Photo lot 80-35, David I. Bushnell photographs of Aztec atlals, 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

David Ives Bushnell, Jr. (1875-1941) was educated in St. Louis, Missouri, and in Europe before joining his first anthropological expedition to northern Minnesota in 1899. From 1901-1904, he worked as an archaeological assistant at the Peabody Museum at Harvard University and continued his studies in anthropology. In addition to excavations and studies, Bushnell went to Europe in 1904 and documented North American ethnographic material held in collections and museums there. The Smithsonian hired him as a contributor to the Handbook of American Indians (1907) before appointing him editor for the Bureau of American Ethnology (1912-1921).

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## Scope and Contents

Photographs depicting Aztec atlatis in the Museo Nazionale di Antropologia e Etnologia of the Museo di Storia Naturale dell'Universita degli Studi of Florence, Italy, and the Museo Kircheriano in Rome. Complete images of each atlatl were made by combining multiple prints. There are also extracts from Bushnell's article about the objects, "Two Ancient Mexican Atlatis," American Anthropologist, vol. 8 (1906), pages 218-221.

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 80-35, USNM ACC 55031

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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:

Mexica (Aztec) (archaeological culture)  
Throwing-sticks

Cultures:

Mexica (Aztec) (archaeological culture)

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Collegio romano. Museo

Università di Firenze. Museo di storia naturale