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Henry Bascom Collins photograph collection
relating to Pueblo Bonito, Mississippi
Choctaws, and Alaska, circa 1920-1936

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Henry Bascom Collins photograph collection relating to Pueblo Bonito, Mississippi Choctaws, and Alaska
Date:	circa 1920-1936
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.82-23
Creator:	Collins, Henry B. (Henry Bascom), 1899-1987 (Collector) Collins, Henry B. (Henry Bascom), 1899-1987 (Photographer)
Extent:	3 Copy prints 15 Prints (silver gelatin)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Henry Bascom Collins, 1981.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Anthropological Archives holds Henry Bascom Collins's papers, as well as those of James Alfred Ford.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs by Collins can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 24, Photo Lot 28, Photo Lot 86-42, Photo Lot 86-43, and Photo Lot 86-59.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional papers by Collins can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in MS 4908, MS 4976, and MS 4977.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs of Pueblo Bonito by O. C. Havens can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo lot 83-16.

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

Henry B. Collins (1899-1987) began his career in anthropology as an assistant on Neil M. Judd's 1922-1924 expeditions to Pueblo Bonito in New Mexico. In 1924, he became an aid in the United States National Museum Division of Ethnology and shortly afterwards was promoted to assistant curator. He received a Masters in Anthropology from the George Washington University in 1925 and was appointed associate curator in 1938. In 1939, Collins took a position as senior ethnologist with the Bureau of American Ethnology and became acting director in 1963. When the BAE and the Department of Anthropology were merged in 1965, Collins became a senior scientist in the new Smithsonian Office of Anthropology. He was appointed archeologist emeritus in 1967.

Collins' independent field work during the early part of his career focused on the American South, in which he conducted investigations relating to the Choctaw and to areas whose cultural history was little known. Collins is most recognized, however, for his efforts in Arctic archeology. Between 1927 and 1936, he and colleagues, including James A. Ford and T. Dale Stewart, focused on the Bering Sea area and the Arctic coasts of Alaska, including St. Lawrence Island, Nunivak Island, the Diomedes, Puduk Island, Bristol Bay, Norton Sound, Point Hope, Cape Prince of Wales, the Aleutians, and the interior of the Seward Peninsula.

Scope and Contents

Photographs depicting crews, camps, artifacts, and excavated areas from various archeological digs and anthropological expeditions. These include Neil Merton Judd's archeological excavations at Pueblo Bonito, Collins and Hermes Knoblock measuring Choctaw people in Mississippi, James Alfred Ford and Paul Silook at Miyowagh on St. Lawrence Island, and Ford at Cape Prince of Wales.

Local Call Number(s)

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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:

- A:shiwi (Zuni)
- Arctic peoples
- Choctaw
- Eskimos
- Excavations (Archaeology)
- Indians of North America -- Southern States
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
- Indians of North America -- Subarctic
- anthropometry

Cultures:

- A:shiwi (Zuni)
- Arctic peoples
- Choctaw

Eskimos
Indians of North America -- Southern States
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
Indians of North America -- Subarctic

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Collins, Henry B. (Henry Bascom), 1899-1987
Ford, James Alfred, 1911-1968
Guthe, Carl E. (Carl Eugen), 1893-1974
Havens, O. C.
Judd, Neil Merton, 1887-1976
Knoblock, Hermes
Silook, Paul Eskimo

Places:

Alaska
Mississippi
New Mexico -- Antiquities
Pueblo Bonito Site (N.M.)