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Collection of photographs relating to the Northwest
Coast and Native Americans, circa 1885-1900

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Collection of photographs relating to the Northwest Coast and Native Americans
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.82
Date:	circa 1885-1900
Extent:	275 Items (circa 275 engravings and drawings for engravings) 200 Copy prints (circa) 1 Print (silver gelatin) 1 Copy negative 380 Cyanotypes (circa)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Anthropological Archives also holds Niblack's notes concerning Northwest Coast Indians, circa 1885-1889 (MS 4513), additional photographs by Romyn Hitchcock of Ainu (Photo Lot 77-38), additional C. H. Townsend photographs (in Photo Lot 24), original Matilda Coxe Stevenson photographs (Photo Lot 23), and original negatives made by Niblack (in BAE historical negatives).

Location of Other Archival Materials

The United States Fish Commission Records are held by the Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The American Philosophical Society holds the Franz Boas papers.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Albert Parker Niblack's papers are held by J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, and William Henry Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society.

Other Finding Aids

Folder lists are available in repository.

Preferred Citation

Photo lots 82 and 83, Collection of photographs relating to the Northwest Coast and American Indians, 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.

Scope and Contents

The majority of the collection documents Northwest Coast scenery, people, and settlements; these include photographs made by Franz Boas during US Fish Commission expeditions on the USS Albatross, as well as engravings made for publications on Northwest Coast Natives by Franz Boas and Albert Parker Niblack. Another large portion of the collection consists of reference prints relating to Native Americans, Ainu people and Japan, Polynesia, the Philippines, Bonin Islands, and Peru. Many of these were copied from the central negative file of the National Museum of Natural History as well as other museums. There are also photographs, many by C. H. Townsend, made during the Fish Commission expeditions to Puerto Rico on the USS Fish Hawk and some taken by N. B. Mills during an expedition that traveled on the USS Albatross to Baja California and the Galapagos Islands.

Bibliography

Engravings published in Franz Boas, "The Social Organization and Secret Societies of the Kwakiutl Indians," USNM Annual Report, 1895; and Albert Parker Niblack, "The Coast Indians of Southern Alaska and Northern British Columbia," USNM Annual Report, 1888. Also, photographs published in Romyn Hitchcock, "Ainos of Yezo," USNM Annual report, 1890.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 82, NAA Photo Lot 83

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Ainu -- depicted
Arctic peoples -- depicted
Eskimos -- depicted
Indians of North America -- Northwest Coast of North America -- depicted
Indians of North America -- depicted
Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwakiutl)
Polynesian

Cultures:

Ainu -- depicted
Arctic peoples -- depicted
Eskimos -- depicted
Indians of North America -- Northwest Coast of North America -- depicted
Indians of North America -- depicted
Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwakiutl)
Polynesian

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Albatross Expedition
Boas, Franz, 1858-1942
Hitchcock, Romyn, 1851-1923
Mills, N. B.
Niblack, Albert P. (Albert Parker), 1859-1929
Stieffel, H.
Townsend, Charles Haskins, 1859-1944
United States Fish Commission

Geographic Names:

Alaska
Aleutian Islands (Alaska)
Baja California (Mexico : Peninsula)
Bonin Islands
Fort Keogh (Mont.)
Galapagos Islands
Mexico
Montana
Peru
Philippines
Puerto Rico

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