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Victor and Cosmos Mindeleff photographs
of Pueblo architecture, circa 1885

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Victor and Cosmos Mindeleff photographs of Pueblo architecture
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.83-14
Date:	circa 1885
Extent:	5 Mounted prints (albumen)
Creator:	Mindeleff, Victor, 1860-1948
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Collection found in 1982, probably in the Department of Anthropology or the National Anthropological Archives, with a note stating it had "been around for years." May have been left by the Mindeleffs in the Bureau of American Ethnology.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional Mindeleff photographs can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 4362, Photo Lot 14, Photo Lot 24, Photo Lot 28, Photo Lot 40, Photo Lot 78, and the BAE historical negatives.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Victor Mindeleff's manuscript on the Origin of Pueblo architecture and correspondence describing his fieldwork can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in the records of the Department of Anthropology.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Mindeleff sketches, plans, and drawings relating to Pueblo architecture can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in MS 2138, MS 2926, and MS 2621.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 83-14, Victor and Cosmos Mindeleff photographs of Pueblo architecture, 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

In the 1880s, Victor Mindeleff (1860-1948) was employed by the Bureau of American Ethnology to conduct studies of Pueblo architecture. He hired His brother, Cosmos Mindeleff (1863-1938), to be his assistant. They worked at Zuni, Acoma, and Hopi villages, as well as among the Navajo; at ruins at Kin Tiel, Canyon de Chelly, and Chaco Canyon; and at Etowah Mound in Georgia.

Scope and Contents

Photographs made by Victor and Cosmos Mindeleff, possibly as part of their studies of Pueblo architecture. They depict houses and ovens at Pescado, New Mexico, and a Hopi house at Moenkopi, Arizona.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 83-14

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Dwellings
Hopi Pueblo
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
Pueblo Indians

Cultures:

Hopi Pueblo
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
Pueblo Indians

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Mindeleff, Cosmos, 1863-