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Walter J. Lubken photographs of the Salt
River, Rio Grande, and Yuma Projects

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Walter J. Lubken photographs of the Salt River, Rio Grande, and Yuma Projects
Date:	circa 1904-1906
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.87-2H
Creator:	Lubken, Walter J., 1881-1960
Extent:	19 Prints (silver gelatin) 2 Prints (albumen)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

This collection was found in 1972, along with other collections in Photo Lot 87-2, as something which had been set aside as a "problem collection," though this may only reflect that was unprocessed.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs by Lubken can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 24 and the BAE historical negatives.

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The National Archives and Records Administration and the Sharlot Hall Museum hold photographs by Lubken.

Contained in

Smithsonian Institution Bureau of American Ethnology photograph collections, undated

Available Formats

Digital surrogate for one image is available.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 87-2H, Walter J. Lubken photographs of the Salt River, Rio Grande, and Yuma Projects, 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

Walter J. Lubken (1881–1960) was an official photographer for the United States Reclamation Service (now Bureau of Reclamation) from 1903 to 1917. While in this position, he documented irrigation projects in the American West. Lubken left the Reclamation Service and the photography profession in 1917, but returned to photograph the construction of the Hoover Dam (formerly Boulder Dam) in the 1930s.

Scope and Contents

Photographs made during the Rio Grande Project in New Mexico, Salt River Project in Arizona, and Yuma Project in Arizona and California. The collection includes images of scenery, roads and wagons, Apache workers, dams, farms, and remains of Fort Selden, Fort McRae, and Mesilla Jail. There are also two images, possibly not made by Lubken and probably made before 1900, of Casa Grande castle.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 87-2H

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Apache
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
- White Mountain Apache

Cultures:

- Apache
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
- White Mountain Apache

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Rio Grande Project (U.S.)
- Salt River Project.
- United States. Bureau of Reclamation
- Yuma Project (U.S.)

Places:

- Casa Grande (Ariz.)
- Fort Selden (N.M.)
- Mesilla Valley (N.M.)
- Theodore Roosevelt Dam (Ariz.)

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White Mountain