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Metropolitan Museum of Art photographs of
Native American musical instruments, circa 1914

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Metropolitan Museum of Art photographs of Native American musical instruments
Date:	circa 1914
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.87-2K
Creator:	Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, N.Y.)
Extent:	8 Prints (cyanotype)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Three photographs in this collection were 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 it was unprocessed. The rest had been filed with the Bureau of American Ethnology collection of source prints.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Five photographs previously filed in Photo Lot 24 have been relocated and merged with Photo Lot 87-2K. These are also Metropolitan Museum of Art photographs of the Crosby Brown Collection and form part of this collection.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 87-2K, Metropolitan Museum of Art photographs of Native American musical instruments, 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

The Crosby Brown Collection of Musical Instruments was donated to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1884 by Mrs. John Crosby Brown. Originally 276 specimens, the collection grew to over 3500 by the publication of the Metropolitan Museum's catalog of the collection in 1914-1915.

Scope and Contents

Photographs depicting Native American musical instruments in the Crosby Brown Collection at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, including Northwest Coast reed instruments and rattles.

Bibliography

Photographs published in Metropolitan Museum of Art, Catalog of Musical Instruments, vol. 2, 1914; or Metropolitan Museum of Art, Catalog of Crosby Brown Collection, vol. 2, 1914.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 87-2K

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 -- Northwest Coast of North America
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
- Museum exhibits
- Musical instruments

Cultures:

- Apache
- Indians of North America -- Northwest Coast of North America
- Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Types of Materials:

- Cyanotypes
- Photographs

Container Listing

Three wooden rattles in hawk, bear, and spirit form, 1914
1 Cyanotype (004 in x 006 in)

Notes: NAA INV.00009500

Pictured items labeled. Hawk rattle is 1963. Bear rattle is 616.
Spirit rattle is 2025.

Relocated from Photo Lot 24.

Published: Metro Museum of Art, Cat of Musical Instruments,
Vol II, 1914, Opp P96

Names: Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, N.Y.)

Genre/Form: Photographs

Five wooden rattles in bird form, 1914

1 Cyanotype (004 in x 006 in)

Notes: NAA INV.00009600

Items labeled: 2623, 615, 647, 611, and 614.

Relocated from Photo Lot 24.

Published: Metro Museum of Art, Cat of Musical Instruments,
Vol II, 1914, Opp P94

Names: Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, N.Y.)

Genre/Form: Photographs

Fifteen reed instruments from the Crosby Brown Collection, 1914

1 Cyanotype (004 in x 006 in)

Notes: NAA INV.00009700

Relocated from Photo Lot 24.

Published: Catalog, Crosby Brown Collection, Vol II, Opp P78

Names: Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, N.Y.)

Genre/Form: Photographs

Three Apache fiddles with bows, undated

1 Cyanotype (007 in x 005 in)

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Notes: NAA INV.02081300

Relocated from Photo Lot 24.

Names: Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, N.Y.)

Genre/Form: Photographs

Culture: Apache

Indians of North America -- Southwest, New

Eight Apache fiddles with bows, undated

1 Cyanotype (007 in x 005 in)

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Notes: NAA INV.02081400

Relocated from Photo Lot 24.

Names: Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, N.Y.)
Genre/Form: Photographs
Culture: Apache
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New