Willis G. Tilton collection of photographs of Native Americans, circa 1880-1930 (bulk 1899-1904)

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Collection Overview

Repository: National Anthropological Archives
Title: Willis G. Tilton collection of photographs of Native Americans
Identifier: NAA.PhotoLot.89-8
Date: circa 1880-1930
bulk 1899-1904
Extent: 685 Negatives (circa; glass and nitrate)
Creator: Tilton, Willis G.
Language: Undetermined

Administrative Information

Provenance
The Bureau of American Ethnology purchased these photographs from dealer Willis G. Tilton in 1962.

Location of Other Archival Materials
Photographs in the Tilton Collection, previously filed in Photo Lot 135, have been relocated and merged with Photo Lot 89-8. These photographs were also purchased by the Bureau of American Ethnology from Willis G. Tilton and form part of this collection.

Location of Other Archival Materials
Associated photographs still held in the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.

Location of Other Archival Materials
Most photographs included in the card catalog of copy negatives and in the reference file prints by tribe.

Location of Other Archival Materials
Additional photographs by Dorsey held in the National Anthropological Archives in MS 4721 and Photo Lot 24.

Location of Other Archival Materials
Correspondence from Dorsey held in the National Anthropological Archives in MS 4821, records of the Bureau of American Ethnology, the J.C. Pilling Papers, and the Ales Hrdlicka Papers.
Location of Other Archival Materials
Additional photographs by Nelson held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 171, Photo Lot 133, Photo Lot 24, and the BAE historical negatives.

Location of Other Archival Materials
Additional Maude photographs held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 90-1 and Photo Lot 24.

Location of Other Archival Materials
Additional E. E. Hall photographs held in National Anthropological Archives MS 4978 and Photo Lot 24.

Location of Other Archival Materials
The Smithsonian Institution Archives holds Nelson's field reports (SIA Acc. 97-123) and the Edward William Nelson and Edward Alphonso Goldman Collection (SIA RU007364).

See others in
Willis G. Tilton photograph collection of American Indians, circa 1880-1930 (bulk 1899-1904)

Other Finding Aids
Inventory available in repository.

Available Formats
Most of the photographs have been digitized and digital surrogates are available online. Copy prints are available with the collection.

Preferred Citation
Photo Lot 89-8, Willis G. Tilton collection of photographs of Native Americans, 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
Willis G. Tilton was a dealer and owner of the store, Tilton Indian Relics, in Topeka, Kansas.
Scope and Contents

Photographs collected by Willis G. Tilton, a dealer in artifacts and photographs relating to Native Americans. Many of the photographs were made by Field Columbian Museum photographer Charles Carpenter at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904; many others were created by various photographers for Field Museum publications. Notable subjects include Big Foot, dead in the snow at the Wounded Knee battlefield; Arapaho and Cheyenne social dances; Hopi ceremonies; a reenactment of the shooting of Sitting Bull; Sun Dances (Arapaho, Assiniboin, Gros Ventre, Blackfoot, Cheyenne, Ponca); and views of the United States Indian School Building and Pawnee people at the the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, Missouri. Other photographs include portraits and images of artifacts, basket weaving, cradles, dress, dwelling, tips and other dwellings, and tree burials. There are also some photographs of Henry Field's expedition to Iraq in 1934 (Field museum anthropological expedition to the Near East), work elephants in Burma, Pipestone Quarry in Minnesota, a church in the Yucatan, and a rickshaw and cart in Ceylon.

Bibliography


Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 89-8, NAA Photo Lot 135

Names and Subject Terms

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

A'aninin (Gros Ventre)
Apache
Apsáalooke (Crow/Absaroke)
Arctic peoples
Assiniboine (Stoney)
Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
Chiricahua Apache
Coast Salish
Diné (Navajo)
Eskimos
Fox Indians
Haida
Hopi Pueblo
Hunkpapa Lakota (Hunkpapa Sioux)
Indians of North America -- Great Basin
Indians of North America -- Great Plains
Indians of North America -- Northeast
Indians of North America -- Northwest Coast of North America
Indians of North America -- Plateau
Indians of North America -- Southern States
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
Indians of North America -- Subarctic
Inunaina (Arapaho)
Iroquois
Jicarilla Apache
Kickapoo
Kootenai (Kutenai)
Kwakwaka’wakw (Kwakiutl)
Mayas
Niuam (Comanche)
Northwest Coast
Oglala Lakota (Oglala Sioux)
Patagonia
Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan)
Ponca
Potawatomi
Pueblo Indians
Rites and ceremonies
Sauk
Seminole
Shoshone
Sicangu Lakota (Brulé Sioux)
Sioux
Sun Dance
Taos Indians
Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)
Umatilla
White Mountain Apache
Wichita
Wounded Knee Massacre, S.D., 1890
Cultures:
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Umatilla
White Mountain Apache
Wichita

Names:
Big Foot, -1890
Dorsey, George A. (George Amos), 1868-1931
Field Museum of Natural History
Geronimo, 1829-1909  
Gutekunst, Frederick, 1831-1917  
Hall, E. E.  
James, George Wharton, 1858-1923  
Maude, F. H. (Frederic Hamer)  
Nelson, Edward William, 1855-1934  
Thompson, J. Eric S. (John Eric Sidney), 1898-1975  
Voth, H. R. (Henry R.), 1855-1931  
Winternitz, Ludwig (Louis)

Geographic Names:
- Belize
- Fort Belknap Indian Reservation (Mont.)
- Oraibi (Ariz.)

Addl. KW Subj

- Alaskan Eskimo
- Assiniboin; Assiniboine
- Blackfoot
- Flathead
- Kwakiutl (Kwakwaka'wakw)
- Meskwaki; Sauk & Fox
- Mishongnavi
- Oraibi
- Sauk & Fox
- Shoshone
- Sioux