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George V. Allen photograph collection of American
Indians and the American frontier, circa 1860-1935

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	George V. Allen photograph collection of American Indians and the American frontier
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.90-1
Date:	circa 1860-1935
Extent:	67 lantern slides 26 Negatives (glass) 10 Negatives (nitrate) 6 autochromes (photographs) 50 Stereographs (circa 50 printed stereographs; halftone and color halftone) 1,000 Stereographs (circa; albumen and silver gelatin (some tinted)) 239 Prints (circa 239 mounted and unmounted prints; albumen (including cartes de visite, imperial cards, cabinet cards, and one tinted print) and silver gelatin (some modern copies)) 96 Prints (Albumen; silver gelatin) 21 Postcards (silver gelatin, collotype, color halftone, and halftone)
Creator:	Allen, George V.
Language:	Undetermined

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by George V. Allen, 1989.

See others in

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Other Finding Aids

Appraiser's inventory and index of photographers available in repository.

Available Formats

Digital surrogates for many photographs are available online.

Preferred Citation

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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

George V. Allen was an attorney in Lawrence, Kansas and an early member of the National Stereoscope Association. Between the 1950s and 1980s, Allen collected an extensive collection of photographs of the American West, mostly in stereographs, but also including cartes-de-visite and other styles of mounted prints, photogravures, lantern slides, autochromes, and glass negatives.

Scope and Contents

Photographs relating to American Indian or frontier themes, including portraits, expedition photographs, landscapes, and other images of dwellings, transportation, totem poles, ceremonies, infants and children in cradleboards, camps and towns, hunting and fishing, wild west shows, food preparation, funeral customs, the US Army and army posts, cliff dwellings, and grave mounds and excavations. The collection also includes images of prisoners at Fort Marion in 1875, Sioux Indians involved in the Great Sioux Uprising in Minnesota, the Fort Laramie Peace Commission of 1868, Sitting Bull and his followers after the Battle of the Little Bighorn, and the aftermath of the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890.

There are studio portraits of well-known Indians, including American Horse, Big Bow, Four Bears, Iron Bull, Ouray, Red Cloud, Red Dog, Red Shirt, Sitting Bull, Spotted Tail, Three Bears, and Two Guns White Calf. Depicted delegations include a Sauk and Fox meeting in Washington, DC, with Lewis V. Bogy and Charles E. Mix in 1867; Kiowas and Cheyennes at the White House in 1863; and Dakotas and Crows who visited President Warren G. Harding in 1921. Images of schools show Worcester Academy in Vinita, Oklahoma; Chilocco Indian School; Carlisle Indian Industrial School; Haskell Institute, and Albuquerque Indian School.

Some photographs relate to the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, 1876; World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1893; Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, 1903; and Centennial Exposition of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, 1876. Expedition photographs show the Crook expedition of 1876, the Sanderson expedition to the Custer Battlefield in 1877, the Wheeler Survey of the 1870s, Powell's surveys of the Rocky Mountain region during the 1860s and 1870s, and the Hayden Surveys.

Outstanding single views include the party of Zuni Indians led to the sea by Frank Hamilton Cushing; Episcopal Church Rectory and School Building, Yankton Agency; Matilda Coxe Stevenson and a companion taking a photograph of a Zuni ceremony; John Moran sketching at Acoma; Ben H. Gurnsey's studio with Indian patrons; Quapaw Mission; baptism of a group of Paiutes at Coeur d'Alene Mission; court-martial commission involved in the trial of Colonel Joseph J. Reynolds, 1877; President Harding at Sitka, Alaska; Walter Hough at Hopi in 1902; and Mrs. Jesse Walter Fewkes at Hopi in 1897.

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Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Acoma Indians
Apache Indians
Arctic peoples
Arikara Indians
Assiniboine Indians
Bannock Indians
Camps
Cheyenne Indians
Child care
Choctaw Indians
Cochiti Indians
Comanche Indians
Cookery
Cree Indians
Crow Indians
Dakota Indians
Diegueño Indians
Dwellings
Eskimos
Fishing
Fox Indians
Funeral rites and ceremonies
Gros Ventre Indians (Montana)
Haida Indians
Havasupai Indians
Hopi Indians
Hunting
Indians of North America -- California
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
Iroquois Indians
Isleta Indians
Kalispel Indians
Kansa Indians
Kickapoo Indians

Kwakiutl Indians
Laguna Indians
Mandan Indians
Maricopa Indians
Micmac Indians
Miwok Indians
Modoc Indians
Mohave Indians
Navajo Indians
Nez Percé Indians
Nootka Indians
Ojibwa Indians
Omaha Indians
Osage Indians
Paiute Indians
Pawnee Indians
Pima Indians
Pomo Indians
Potawatomi Indians
Pueblo Indians
Puyallup Indians
Quapaw Indians
Rites and ceremonies
Salish Indians
Sauk Indians
Seminole Indians
Shawnee Indians
Shoshoni Indians
Taos Indians
Tlingit Indians
Tohono O'Odham Indians
Tonkawa Indians
Totem poles
Transportation
Umatilla Indians
Ute Indians
Washo Indians
Wild west shows
Winnebago Indians
Wounded Knee Massacre, S.D., 1890
Yavapai Indians
Zuni Indians

Cultures:

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Nootka Indians
Ojibwa Indians
Omaha Indians
Osage Indians
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Pawnee Indians
Pima Indians
Pomo Indians
Potawatomi Indians
Pueblo Indians
Puyallup Indians
Quapaw Indians
Salish Indians
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Tohono O'Odham Indians
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Umatilla Indians
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Washo Indians
Winnebago Indians
Yavapai Indians
Zuni Indians

Names:

Albuquerque Indian School
Alvord, Kellogg, & Campbell
American Horse, 1840-1908
Bailey & Whitesides
Bailey, Dix, & Mead
Barker, George, 1844-1894
Barry, D. F. (David Francis), 1854-1934
Batchelder, B. P. (Benjamin Pierce), 1826-1891
Bates, Edw. (Edward)
Beal's Gallery
Beaman, Edward O.
Bell, C. M. (Charles Milton), approximately 1849-1893
Bell, William, 1830-1910
Benecke, Robert
Bennett & Brown
Bennett, H. H. (Henry Hamilton), 1843-1908
Bierstadt, Charles, 1819-1903
Big Bow Chief
Black Hills View Company
Blessing, S. T.
Blosser, J. A.
Bogy, Lewis V. (Lewis Vital), 1813-1877
Bonine, Elias A., 1843-1916
Brockham, William (of Morris, Minnesota)
Brooks Photo
Brown, William Henry, 1844-1886
Brubaker and Whitesides
Brubaker, C. B.
Buehman, Henry, 1851-1912
C. Duhem & Bro.
Calfee & Catlin
Calfee, H. B. (Henry Bird), 1848-1912
Carbutt, John, 1832-1905
Carter, C. W., 1832-1918
Castillo de San Marcos (Saint Augustine, Fla.)
Caswell & Davy
Chamberlain, W. G. (William Gunnison)
Chase, D. B. (Dana B.)
Childs, B. F. (Brainard F.), ca. 1841-1921
Chilocco Indian School
Choate, J. N. (John N.), 1848-1902
Clark, George A. (George Alfred), 1936-
Climo, John Saunders

Cobb, William Henry, 1859-1909
Conklin, E (Enoch)
Continent Stereoscopic Company
Copelin & Son
Cosand & Mosser
Cozzens, Samuel Woodworth, 1834-1878
Croft, Thomas
Cross, W. R. (William R.)
Cunningham & Co. (1880-1889)
Currier, Frank, fl. 1890-1909
Curtis, Edward S., 1868-1952
Curtis, George E., 1830-1910
Cushing, Frank Hamilton, 1857-1900
Cushing, W. H., fl. 1870-1889
D.D. Merrill, Randall & Co.
Davis, S., fl. 1860-1880
Doremus, John P., 1827-1890
E. & H.T. Anthony (Firm)
Eaton, E. L. (Edric L.), b. ca. 1836
Eaton, of Ralston, Oklahoma
Ebell, Adrian J. (Adrian John), 1840-1877
Eisenmann, Charles, b. 1850
Flanders, Dudley P.
Florida Club (Cooperative)
Forsyth, N. A. (Norman A.), 1869-1949
Fouch, John H., 1849-1933
Gardner, Alexander, 1821-1882
Geological Survey (U.S.)
Godkin, William R.
Goodell, Abner Cheney, 1831-1914
Graves, C. H. (Carleton H.), d. 1943
Griffith & Griffith
Gurnsey & Illingworth
Gurnsey, B. H. (Byron H.), 1833-1880
Hamilton and Hoyt
Hamilton and Kodylek
Hamilton, J. H. (James H.)
Hansard & Carden
Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923
Hart, Alfred A., 1816-1908
Haskell Indian Nations University
Hawkins, B.A.
Haynes, F. Jay (Frank Jay), 1853-1921
Hazeltine, M. M. (Martin Mason), 1827-1903
Heister, H. T., (Henry T.), -1895
Heller, Louis Herman, ca. 1839-1929
Henry L. Shepard & Co.
Heston, Wat
Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Hook, W. E. (William Edward), 1833-1908
Hough, Walter, 1859-1935
Huffman, L. A. (Laton Alton), 1854-1931
Illingworth, W. H. (William H.), 1842-1893
Immke, Henry W.

Ingalls, George W., 1838-1920
Ingersoll View Company
Iron Bull (Crow Indian chief)
J.J. Reilly & Co.
Jackson, William Henry, 1843-1942
Jacoby, W. H. (William H.), 1841-1905
Jarvis, J. F. (John F.), b. 1850
Johnson, W.S.
Judd and McLeish
Kelly, Luther S. (Luther Sage), 1849-1928
Keystone View Company
Kilburn Brothers
Kirkland, Geo. W. (George W.)
Knight, J. Lee
Landon, S. C. (Seth C.), b. 1825
Lawrence & Houseworth
Leonard & Martin
Line, A. A.
Little, H.N.
M.S. Mephram & Bro.
Marshall, William I. (William Isaac), 1840-1906
Martin's Gallery
Martin, Alex (Alexander), 1841-1929
Mató-Tópe, Mandan chief, d. 1837
Maude, F. H. (Frederic Hamer)
Maynard, Hannah, 1834-1918
Maynard, Richard, 1832-1907
McIntyre, A. C. (Alexander Carson)
Meddaugh, J. E.
Mellen, Geo. E. (George Egbert), b. 1854
Mephram, Michael S.
Mitchell, Daniel S.
Mix, Charles E.
Monroe, Mark, 1930-
Montgomery Ward.
Moran, John, 1831-1903
Morrow, Stanley J.
Muybridge, Eadweard, 1830-1904
Newcomb, C. H.
Nims, F.A.
O'Sullivan, Timothy H., 1840-1882
Ouray
Palmer, A. A.
Parker, Joseph C.
Pierron, Geo. (George), b. 1816
Pollock, Charles, 1832-1910
Powers, F. F.
Raitt, T.G.
Ramsour & Pennel
Randall, A. F. (A. Frank)
Rau, William Herman, 1855-1920
Red Cloud, 1822-1909
Red Dog (Oglala chief)
Red Shirt, 1845?-1925

Reed & McKenney
Reilly, John James, 1838-1894
Reynolds, Joseph Jones, 1822-1899
Rinehart, F. A. (Frank A.)
Rodocker & Blanchard
Rodocker, D. (David)
Rothrock, George H.
Rudy, W. Ira
Russell, Andrew J.
Rutter, Thomas H., 1837-1925
Savage & Ottinger
Savage, C. R. (Charles Roscoe), 1832-1909
Seaver, C. (Charles)
Sedgwick, S. J. (Stephen James)
Shipler, James William, 1849-1937
Sitting Bull, 1831-1890
Smith, O. C.
Soule, John P.
Spotted Tail, 1823-1881
Stevenson, Matilda Coxe, 1850-1915
Stoddard, Seneca Ray, 1844-1917
Taber, I. W. (Isaiah West), 1830-1912
Thomas Houseworth & Co.
Thorne, G.W.
Thurlow, J., 1831-1878
Towne, Bertram C.
Trager, George E.
Two Guns White Calf Blackfoot
Underwood & Underwood
Union View Company
United States Indian School (Carlisle, Pa.)
Universal Photo Art Co.
Upton, B. F. (Benjamin Franklin)
Watkins, Carleton E., 1829-1916
Webster & Albee
Weitfle, Charles, 1836-1921
Wendt, Julius M.
Whitney & Zimmerman
Whitney, Joel E. (Joel Emmons), 1822-1886
Williscraft, W.H.
Wittick & Bliss
Wittick & Russell
Wittick, Ben, 1845-1903
Woodburn, J. R.
Yankton Mission (Yankton Indian Reservation, S.D.)
Young & Chase
Zimmerman, Charles A., 1844-1909

Geographic Names:

Custer Battlefield (Montana)

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Navaho

Tipai-Ipai

Shoshone

Mi'kmaq

Sauk & Fox

Kwakiutl (Kwakwaka'wakw)

Nootka (Nuu-chah-nulth)

Assiniboin

Sioux

Kansa (Kaw)

Pueblo

Pima (Akimel O'odham)

Santo Domingo (Kewa)

Chippewa

Papago (Tohono O'odham)

Meskwaki; Sauk & Fox

Blackfeet

San Felipe

Tesuque

Flathead