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Guy N. Collins photographs of Liberia, 1891-1911

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Guy N. Collins photographs of Liberia
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.90-27
Date:	1891-1911
Extent:	35 Mounted prints (albumen)
Creator:	Collins, G. N. (Guy N.), 1872-1938
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Perez H. Collins, Guy N. Collins's son, to the Department of Anthropology in 1986 (accession 374065). Photographs transferred to the National Anthropological Archives, 1990.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Liberian objects collected by Collins and donated with the photographs can be found in the Department of Anthropology in accession 374065.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Collins's field book from 1915 can be found in the Smithsonian Institution Archives in SIA Acc. 12-011.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 90-27, Guy N. Collins photographs of Liberia, 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

Guy N. Collins (1872-1938) was a botanist, geneticist, and plant explorer. While on hiatus from his undergraduate studies at Syracuse, Collins developed an interest in photography during an expedition in Liberia with Orator Fuller Cook. After the Spanish-American War, he worked for the office of Botanical Investigations and Experiments in the US Department of Agriculture. Collins joined Cook's exploration of Puerto Rican plant life, the results of which were published by the Smithsonian Institution in "Economic Plants of Porto Rico." Collins later became Principal Botanist in the USDA's Division of Cereal Crops and Diseases of the Bureau of Plant Industry and was a founder of the Washington Biologists' Field Club.

Scope and Contents

Photographs documenting Liberian people and the Liberian natural and built environments, including the Saint Paul River, rock formations, barricades, dwellings, and other structures.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 90-27, USNM ACC 374065

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Botany
- Canoes and canoeing
- Dwellings
- Kpelle (African people)
- Mende (African people)
- Plants

Cultures:

- Kpelle (African people)
- Mende (African people)

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Cook, O. F. (Orator Fuller), 1867-1949

Geographic Names:

- Liberia