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Photograph of Chinese men using a treadmill pump, circa 1900

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Photograph of Chinese men using a treadmill pump
Date:	circa 1900
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.91-7
Creator:	Meyer, Frank Nicholas (Collector)
Extent:	1 Print (silver gelatin)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

The photograph originally accompanied a model of the pumping apparatus. It was transferred from the Department of Agriculture in 1908 in accession 49469. It was transferred from the Department of Anthropology collections by Chang-su Houchins in September 1985.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Meyer's model of a pumping apparatus is held in the Department of Anthropology in accession 49469.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 91-7, Photograph of Chinese men using a treadmill pump, 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

Frank Nicholas Meyer was an agricultural explorer in China for the US Department of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry. He received a model of a pumping machine from Dr. S. P. Barchet of Shanghai.

Scope and Contents

Image of four men working a pumping apparatus, probably in Central China, for irrigation or draining purposes. According to the original catalog card, the apparatus "consists of an endless chain of paddles

moving over two axles and forcing water along a trough in the cuds of which the axles are placed. The power is by treadmill or crank moved by men."

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NAA Photo Lot 91-7, USNM ACC 49469

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Chinese
- Pumping machinery

Cultures:

- Chinese

Types of Materials:

- Photographs