



# Smithsonian

*National Museum of Natural History*

Robert Burnette photograph collection, circa 1910-1970

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Robert Burnette photograph collection
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1910-1970
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.92-45
<b>Creator:</b>	Burnette, Robert, 1926-1984 (Collector)
<b>Extent:</b>	149 Copy negatives (circa)
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Original album loaned for copying by Joallyn Archambault, circa 1990.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Museum of the American Indian Archives holds the National Congress of American Indians Records, 1933-1990.

### Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 92-45, Robert Burnette photograph collection, 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.

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## Biographical Note

Robert Burnette (1926-1984) was a Native American civil rights leader, Tribal Chair of the Rosebud Sioux, and Executive Secretary of the National Congress of American Indians. He is also the coauthor of *The Road to Wounded Knee*, published in 1974.

## Scope and Contents

Copies made from a photograph album compiled by Robert Burnett that appears to relate to three periods. A few photographs dated around 1910-1912 were likely received from Burnett's family and depict family members, ranchers, tipis, and people gathered for White River Frontier Days. Other photographs show Burnette and friends while he was in high school and then in the US Marine Corps during World War II. Many of the later photographs date around 1961-1964, when Burnette was Executive Secretary of the National Congress of American Indians; some of these depict Burnette and other Native Americans with John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, George McGovern, and Stewart L. Udall.

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 92-45

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## Reproduction Note

Copy negatives made by Smithsonian Institution, 1990.

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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:

- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Sioux
- World War, 1939-1945

### Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Sioux

### Names:

- Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973
- Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963
- McGovern, George S. (George Stanley), 1922-2012
- National Congress of American Indians
- O'Neill Photo Co.
- Udall, Stewart L.

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## Addl. KW Subj

Sioux