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George L. Hosmer photographs of Eclipse  
Expedition to Sumatra, circa 1901, 1915, 1930

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	George L. Hosmer photographs of Eclipse Expedition to Sumatra
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1901, 1915, 1930
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.92-48
<b>Creator:</b>	Hosmer, George L. (George Leonard), 1874-1935
<b>Extent:</b>	134 Negatives (circa; glass) 1 Print (silver gelatin) 1 Print (platinum)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Donated by Hosmer's daughter, Elizabeth Hosmer Cutliff, 1991.

### Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 92-48, George L. Hosmer photographs of Eclipse Expedition to Sumatra, 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

George Leonard Hosmer (1874-1935) was a professor in the Civil Engineering Department of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He taught courses in Astronomy, Navigation, and Geodesy from the time of his graduation from MIT in 1897 until his death. Taking part in MIT's expedition to Sumatra to see the eclipse on May 18, 1901, he made pendulum observations and wrote "Report on the Changes in Declination of the Magnetic Needle during the Eclipse" for the Technology Quarterly and Proceedings of the Society of Arts, Volume 15, 1902.

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## Scope and Contents

Photographs made during the 1901 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Eclipse Expedition to Sumatra; some were possibly made in Ceylon (Sri Lanka). They include images of people, houses and other buildings,

animals, boats, roads, villages, agriculture (including terracing), rickshaws, and plants. Also included are an image of animal hides drying on frames and two portraits of Hosmer, circa 1915 and 1930.

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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:

- Achinese (Indonesian people)
- Agriculture
- Animals
- Batak (Indonesian people)
- Boats and boating
- Malays (Asian people)
- Minangkabau (Indonesian people)
- Roads
- Sri Lankans

### Cultures:

- Achinese (Indonesian people)
- Batak (Indonesian people)
- Malays (Asian people)
- Minangkabau (Indonesian people)
- Sri Lankans

### Types of Materials:

- Photographs

### Names:

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### Places:

- Sri Lanka
- Sumatra (Indonesia)