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Mary Vance Trent photographs of Micronesia,
circa 1972-1976 (bulk 1972-1974)

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Mary Vance Trent photographs of Micronesia
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.97-15
Date:	circa 1972-1976 bulk 1972-1974
Extent:	578 Color prints (circa 578 color prints) 521 Color negatives (circa) 9 Postcards (color halftone) 47 Prints (silver gelatin)
Creator:	Trent, Mary Vance, 1914-1998
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Mary Vance Trent through Adrienne L. Kaeppler, 1997.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Artifacts collected by Trent in Polynesia, Micronesia, and New Guinea held in the Department of Anthropology collections in accession 416128.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Library of Congress holds the Mary Vance Trent Papers.

Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 97-15, Mary Vance Trent photographs of Micronesia, 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

Mary Vance Trent (1914-1998) was a foreign service officer for the State Department. She represented the US in the Pacific Islands, including in Samoa and Tonga (1969-1972), and acted as political advisor during the transition of Micronesia from a US territory to a municipality of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (1972-1974). Over her career, Trent acquired many Polynesian and Micronesian objects, some of which she donated to the Smithsonian.

Scope and Contents

Photographs made during Mary Vance Trent's time in Micronesia, including in Guam, Saipan, Palau, Yap, Pohnpei, and the Marshall Islands and Taipei. The images depict towns, buildings and other remains of the Japanese and Spanish occupations, boats, airplanes, houses and hotels, US military events, aerial views, and people (including residents and United States and United Nations delegates). The collection also includes some photographs made in Cape Cod, Boston, Washington, DC, and New Hampshire, as well as commercial postcards with images of Saipan and other Mariana Islands.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 97-15

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Architecture
- Boats and boating
- Chuukese (Micronesian people)
- Hotels
- Japanese
- Kosrae
- Pohnpei
- Taiwanese
- Ulithi
- Yapese (Micronesian people)

Cultures:

- Chuukese (Micronesian people)
- Japanese
- Kosrae
- Pohnpei
- Taiwanese
- Ulithi
- Yapese (Micronesian people)

Types of Materials:

Photographs
Postcards

Names:

United States. Armed Forces

Geographic Names:

Boston (Mass.)
Cape Cod (Mass.)
Guam
Mariana Islands
Marshall Islands
Micronesia
New Hampshire
Palau
Pohnpei Island (Micronesia)
Saipan
Washington (D.C.)
Yap (Micronesia)