



Smithsonian
National Museum of Natural History

Paul Zakoian photographs of Dickson
Mound burials, circa 1964, 1976

Sarah Ganderup

2013 January 15

National Anthropological Archives
Museum Support Center
4210 Silver Hill Road
Suitland 20746
naa@si.edu
<http://www.anthropology.si.edu/naa/>

Table of Contents

Collection Overview	1
Administrative Information	1
Local Call Number(s).....	2
Scope and Contents note.....	2
Biographical/Historical note.....	1
Names and Subjects	2

Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Paul Zakoian photographs of Dickson Mound burials
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.99-26
Date:	circa 1964, 1976
Extent:	32 Prints (silver gelatin)
Creator:	Zakoian, Paul
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Paul Zakoian through Michelle Delaney, 1999.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Photographs of the Dickson Mound Site held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 8.

Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 99-26, Paul Zakoian photographs of Dickson Mounds burials, 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

Paul Zakoian (ca. 1934-1999) was a photographer, sculptor, and educator at the Contemporary Art Workshop in Chicago, Illinois. He joined the US Navy during the Korean War, training as a photographer and serving on the carrier USS Philippines. When he returned to the United States, he studied sculpture and photography at the Institute of Design. His photographs have been exhibited widely in Chicago and the American Midwest and published in periodicals, including the Chicago Tribune and New York Times.

Dickson Mounds is a large burial mound complex near Lewistown, Illinois. In 1927, chiropractor Don Dickson began to excavate the mounds on his family farm, joined by University of Chicago archaeologists in the 1930s. Instead of removing the bones from the graves they excavated, Dickson and the archeologists left the bones and associated objects in situ for viewing, first in a private and then a public museum. Amid controversy, the state closed the burial to the public on April 3, 1992, out of respect for the descendants of the source communities.

Scope and Contents

Images of excavated burials at Dickson Mound site in Lewiston, Illinois.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 99-26

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Burial

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Geographic Names:

Dickson Mounds (Ill.)