



Smithsonian
National Museum of Natural History

Photographs of United States
National Museum collections, undated

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Photographs of United States National Museum collections
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.99-41
Date:	undated
Extent:	3 Prints (color halftone) 2 Prints (halftone) 1 Print (photogravure) 7 Negatives (nitrate) 13 mounted prints (albumen) 40 Prints (circa; silver gelatin)
Creator:	United States National Museum
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Location of Other Archival Materials

Items depicted in this collection held in the National Museum of Natural History and National Museum of American History collections.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs of US National Museum collections held in the Smithsonian Institution Archives and the National Anthropological Archives (Photo Lot 4).

Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 99-41, Photographs of United States National Museum collections, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

Restrictions

Nitrate negatives are in cold storage and require advanced notice for viewing.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

The United States National Museum building (later renamed Arts and Industries) opened to the public in 1881. It held displays of anthropology, art, geology, history, and natural history, while a few of the exhibits (birds, invertebrates and art) remained in the original Smithsonian "Castle." In 1911, the Smithsonian opened a new building (now the Natural History Building), which held anthropology, art and natural history collections.

Scope and Contents

Images of various artifacts and specimens in the United States National Museum's collections, including George Washington's uniform and camp chest; the Franklin Press; Samuel P. Langley, third Secretary of the Smithsonian, supervising the installation of the Easter Island stone figures; zoological, ornithological, entomological, and botanical specimens; exhibits relating to animals and American Indians; the Daguerre Monument sculpted by J. Scott Hartley; and a model of the National Zoological Park modeled under Langley.

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NAA Photo Lot 99-41

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Animals
- Birds
- Insects
- Museum exhibits
- Plants

Names:

- Bell, C. M. (Charles Milton), approximately 1849-1893
- Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790
- Hartley, Jonathan Scott, 1845-1912
- Langley, S. P. (Samuel Pierpont), 1834-1906
- Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865
- Morgan, Lewis Henry, 1818-1881
- Washington, George, 1732-1799
- Weir, Julian Alden, 1852-1919

Geographic Names:

- Easter Island -- Antiquities