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Copy photograph of Memorial to First
Americans groundbreaking, 1913

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Copy photograph of Memorial to First Americans groundbreaking
Date:	1913
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.R82-55
Extent:	1 Copy negative 1 Copy print
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Copy negative donated by John M. Carroll, 1982.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Photographs collected by Wanamaker can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 64.

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Additional photographs of this event can be found in the Library of Congress in the George Grantham Bain Collection.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

This copy collection has been obtained for reference purposes only. Contact the repository for terms of use and access.

Biographical Note

In 1913, department store owner Rodman Wanamaker (1863-1928) sponsored a project that brought American Indians to New York for the groundbreaking of a proposed National Memorial to the First Americans on Staten Island; however, the monument was never built. Wanamaker also sponsored three photographic expeditions between 1908 and 1913, intending to document the "vanishing race" of American Indians.

Scope and Contents

Photograph made from a framed print depicting American Indians at groundbreaking ceremonies for Rodman Wanamaker's proposed National Memorial to the First Americans on Staten Island, on February 22, 1913. Included in the image are Cheyenne chief Wooden Leg, Cheyenne chief Two Moons, Rodman Wanamaker, Crow chief Plenty Coups, Crow chief Medicine Crow, Crow Indian White Man Runs Him, and Oglala Sioux chief Jack Red Cloud. The original photograph may have been made by the Bain News Service.

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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

Cultures:

Indians of North America

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Medicine Crow Chief
Plenty Coups, 1848-1932
Red Cloud, Jack
Two Moon, 1847-1917
Wanamaker, Rodman, 1863-1928
White Man Runs Him, approximately 1855-1925
Wooden Leg, 1858-1940

Places:

Staten Island (New York, N.Y.)