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Wes Taukchiray photograph collection
of American Indians, undated

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Wes Taukchiray photograph collection of American Indians
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.R98-45
Creator:	Taukchiray, Wes (Collector)
Extent:	180 Copy prints (circa) 3 Color prints 57 Copy negatives (circa) 1 Print (silver gelatin)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Donated by Wes Taukchiray in 1977, 1980, 1982, 1988, 1996, and 1998.

Location of Originals

Originals probably in possession of Wes Taukchiray, South Carolina Historical Society, South Caroliniana Library at the University of South Carolina, or Special Collections at University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Photo Lot 97-3, Photo Lot 88-3, Photo Lot 83-6, Photo Lot 81-65, and Photo Lot 77-65 have been relocated and merged with Photo Lot R98-45. These photographs were also collected by Wes Taukchiray and form part of this collection.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Anthropological Archives holds the Lumbee petition for federal acknowledgement 1987 (MS 7523).

Location of Other Archival Materials

Wes (White) Taukchiray's papers from his work for the Center for the Study of Man can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in the Records of the Center for the Study of Man.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot R98-45, Wes Taukchiray photograph collection of Narragansett, Montauk, Shinnecock, and Tunica Indians, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

The copy prints in this collection have been obtained for reference purposes only. Contact the repository for terms of use and access. The images from printed sources will not be reproduced unless the researcher can establish that relevant copyrights have expired.

Biographical Note

Wes Taukchiray, born Wes White in 1948, is an ethnohistorian and author of numerous publications about Indians of the American Southeast, particularly South Carolina. In 1969 he began trying to determine the origins of the Four Holes Indian Community and other American Indian groups in South Carolina; this work was continued in contract work in 1974 and 1975 for the Smithsonian Institution's Center for the Study of Man. From 1972-1982 he worked as a private researcher and genealogist based in the South Carolina Archives. He was employed by the Lumbee Regional Development Association (1976-77) before becoming the main researcher for the Indian Law Unit of the Lumbee River Legal Services (1982), where he cowrote the Lumbee tribe's petition for federal recognition. In 1988, he changed his name to Taukchiray, which means "white" in the Catawba language.

Scope and Contents

Photographs collected by Wes Taukchiray, probably during work with American Indian groups in the 1970s and 1980s. The collection largely consists of images and narratives depicting Narragansett, Montauk, and Shinnecock Indians, most of which comes from "Rare Eastern Indian Photo Series" distributed by Red Thunder Cloud, a common correspondent of Taukchiray. It also includes one image of a member of the Clark family near Summerville, South Carolina and one image of Tuscarora or Lumbee Indians Will and Roberta Bullard Locklear in their home in the Chavis Settlement in North Carolina, made by Mark Price of the Fayetteville [North Carolina] Times and collected while Taukchiray was living with them in the 1980s. There are two photographs of Chief Hudson Crummie, possibly a Pee Dee Indian, during a visit by Taukchiray, as well as six photographs depicting Tunica Indians and artifacts and some images of Alabama and Catawba Indians.

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NAA Photo Lot R98-45, NAA Photo Lot 97-3, NAA Photo Lot 88-3, NAA Photo Lot 83-6, NAA Photo Lot 81-65, NAA Photo Lot 77-65

Reproduction Note

Most of the copy prints and negatives made by Smithsonian Institution, 1977, 1980, 1997, 1999.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Alabama Indians
Catawba Indians

Indians of North America -- Northeast
Indians of North America -- Southern States
Indians of North America -- Subarctic
Lumbee
Montauk
Narragansett
Pee Dee Indians
Shinnecock
Tunica
Tuscarora

Cultures:

Alabama Indians
Indians of North America -- Northeast
Indians of North America -- Southern States
Indians of North America -- Subarctic
Lumbee
Montauk
Narragansett
Pee Dee Indians
Shinnecock
Tunica
Tuscarora

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Red Thunder Cloud, 1919-1996
Red Thunder Cloud, 1919-1996

Places:

New York (State)
Rhode Island
South Carolina

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Croatan
Iroquois
Alibamu
Peedee