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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Joe Britton Panama Canal Zone Photographs
Date:	1945
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1234
Creator:	Britton, Joe (Creator) Matheis-Kraft, Carol (Donor)
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection documents Panama, the Panama Canal, the Canal Zone, the San Blas Islands, military installations in Panama, villages, local buildings, people, flora and fauna, circa 1945.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Carol Matheis-Kraft on April 11, 2011.

Related Materials

Materials in the Archives Center, National Museum of American History

Panama Canal Commission Photonegatives, 1903-circa 1939 (AC1116)

Richard Fisher Panama Canal Collection, 1902-1968 (AC1045)

Charles Edwards Wood Panama Canal Photograph Album (AC1114)

Katherine Kingsford Panama Canal Photograph Album, circa 1904-1914 (AC1040)

W.P. Stine Panama Canal Papers, 1904-1911 (AC1039)

W.A. Fishbaugh Panama Canal Photograph Album, 1905-1908 (AC1021)

Robert Dearborn Panama Canal Photonegatives, undated (AC1111)

John Frances Little Panama Canal Scrapbook, 1907-1914 (AC0708)

Underwood and Underwood Glass Stereograph Collection, 1895-1921 (AC0143)

Materials at the Smithsonian Institution Archives

Exhibition Records, 1971-2002, "Make the Dirt Fly!: Building the Panama Canal" (SIA Acc. 08-051)

Exhibition Records, 1979-1999, "Make the Dirt Fly!: Building the Panama Canal" (SIA Acc. 03-089)

Smithsonian Human Studies Film Archives

Reuben Miller's Travel Footage of the Panama Canal circa 1927 [supplied] 93.7.5 circa 1927 (HSFA 93.7.5)

The Panama Canal circa 1962 (HSFA 98.21.9)

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Biographical / Historical

The slides of Panama, the Panama Canal, the Canal Zone, the San Blas Islands, military installations in Panama, villages, local buildings, people, flora and fauna were taken by Private First Class Joe Britton while he was stationed there circa 1945. Joseph Henry Britton was born March 14, 1922 in Midland, Michigan. Britton served in the Army during World War II in Panama. After the war, he graduated from Albion College and earned a doctorate from the University of Chicago. Britton taught at the Pennsylvania State College (now Pennsylvania State University) Health and Human Development School. His research focused on gerontology. Britton died on August 17, 2011.

Scope and Contents

A collection of 110 color slides of Panama, the Panama Canal, the Canal Zone, the San Blas Islands, military installations in Panama, villages, local buildings, people, flora and fauna, circa 1945.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series in slide number order.

Series 1: Slides, 1945 and undated

Names and Subject Terms

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

Places:

Canal Zone
Panama
Panama Canal (Panama)

Container Listing

Series 1: Slides, 1945, undated

Box 1

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