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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Black Elks Parade Photographs
Date:	1957
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1499
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection documents a Black Elks' Labor Day parade in Philadelphia in September 1957.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection purchased from Between the Covers Rare Books, January 2020.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Archives Center Staff, 2021.

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Content Description

Thirty photographs (3.5" x Order of the Elks of the World (known colloquially as the Black Elks). The images were taken on the corner of Spruce and Broad Streets in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Featured are various Elk Club chapters, drill teams, marching bands, dignitaries in convertibles, and banners identifying marching groups from New York, Brooklyn, and New Jersey.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- African Americans
- Drill teams
- Marching bands
- Parades -- 1950-1960

Names:

- Improved, Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks of the World