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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b> | Archives Center, National Museum of American History                                     |
| <b>Title:</b>      | American Astronomical Society Photographs  |
| <b>Date:</b>       | 1897-1946  |
| <b>Identifier:</b> | NMAH.AC.1642   |
| <b>Creator:</b>    | American Astronomical Society  |
| <b>Source:</b>     | National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Medicine and Science (Collector) |
| <b>Extent:</b>     | .35 Cubic feet (1 map folder)  |
| <b>Language:</b>   | English .  |
| <b>Summary:</b>    | Photographs of astronomers taken at meetings of the American Astronomical Society.       |

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by the Department of Astronomy, Yale University, through Donna Hofflet, 1991.

### Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Medicine and Science, 2024.

### Related Materials

#### **Materials at Other Organizations**

#### **American Institute of Physics, Niels Bohr Library and Archives**

Various records related to the functions of the American Astronomical Society.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Alison Oswald, archivist, 2025.

### Preferred Citation

American Astronomical Society Photographs, Archives Center, National Museum of American History

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Collection is open for research.

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## Historical

The American Astronomical Society (AAS) was established in 1899 through the efforts of solar astronomer George Ellery Hale, who also created The Astrophysical Journal and built the Yerkes Observatory, and Simon Newcomb, an astronomer, applied mathematician and autodidactic polymath.

### Source

<https://aas.org/about/origins-aas> (last accessed on May 6, 2025)

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## Content Description

Collection includes thirteen (13) black-and-white photographs of astronomers taken at meetings of the American Astronomical Society.

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## Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

Series 1: Photographs, 1897-1946

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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:

- Astronomers
- Astronomy -- 20th century

### Types of Materials:

- Photographs

### Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Medicine and Science

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Photographs, 1897-1946

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| Map-folder 1 | Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, 1897<br>1 Photograph (6 15/16 in. x 8 3/4" in. )  |
| Map-folder 1 | Members of 4th Conference of the International Union for Co-Operation in Solar Research. Mt. Wilson, California , 1910-08-30-1910-09-02<br>1 Photograph (6 in. x 8 7/16 in. )<br>Notes: Photo by E.B. Gray.  |
| Map-folder 1 | American Astronomical Society, Sproul Observatory , 1916<br>1 Photograph (7 11/16 in. x 9 13/16 in. )<br>Notes: Photo adhered to cardboard backing.  |
| Map-folder 1 | Albany, 1917<br>1 Photograph (8 7/8 in. x 17 3/16 in. )  |
| Map-folder 1 | Rochester, 1925-12<br>1 Photograph (8 1/2 in. x 11 in. )   |
| Map-folder 1 | American Astronomical Society, 46th Meeting, Perkins Observatory, Delaware, Ohio, 1931-09-07-1931-09-09<br>1 Photograph (9 3/16 in. x 44 in. )<br>Notes: Coles & Coles photographer, #2.   |
| Map-folder 1 | American Astronomical Society Madison Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey , 1932-12-29<br>1 Photograph (9 1/4 in. x 15 3/4 in. )<br>Notes: Photo by Fred Hess   |
| Map-folder 1 | American Astronomical Society, 51st Meeting, Harvard Observatory , 1933-12-28-1933-12-30<br>1 Photograph (9 1/2 in. x 17 7/8 in. )<br>Notes: Fay Foto Service/Boston, Massachusetts. Photo adhered to glass from frame; Copy photograph has been made. |
| Map-folder 1 | New London, 1934<br>1 Photograph (9 1/2 in. x 7 1/2 in. )  |
| Map-folder 1 | Union Astronomique Internationale 5ème Assemblée, Générale Paris , 1935-07-09-1935-07-17<br>1 Photograph (6 7/8 in. x 35 3/8 in. )<br>Notes: Partjal damage to lower right hand corner of photograph. Damaged area approx. 1" x 2" square.             |

Map-folder 1            American Astronomical Society, 64th Meeting, Wellesley College ,  
1940-09-11-1940-09-14  
1 Photograph (7 1/2 in. x 24 7/16 in. )  
Notes:                    Acme Photo Service - Boston.

Map-folder 1            American Astronomical Society, 65th Meeting, Feis Planetarium of the Franklin  
Institute Philadelphia, 1940-12-29-1940-12-31  
1 Photograph (8 7/8 in. x 30 5/8 in. )

Map-folder 1            American Astronomical Society, 74th Meeting, Columbia University, New York City ,  
1946-02-01-1946-02-02  
1 Photograph (8 in. x 29 3/4 in. )  
Notes:                    Empire Photographers, N.Y. 6931.

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