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Foster H. Saville collection of negatives, 1907, 1918

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Foster H. Saville collection of negatives
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.001.013
Date:	1907 1918
Extent:	129 acetate negatives (5 x 7 in.)
Creator:	Saville, Foster H. (Foster Harmon), 1874-1942
Language:	English
Summary:	The Saville negatives consists primarily of images of Manabi Province, Ecuador, circa 1907; also includes images of the Pantigo burial site, Easthampton, Long Island, NY, circa 1918.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Historically, the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation managed all photographic and related manuscript collections separately. This collection description represents current management practices of organizing and contextualizing related archival materials.

Processing Information

Processed by Heather Shannon, Photo Archivist in 2012.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

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Biographical Note

Dr. Foster H. Saville (1874 - 1942) was an anthropologist for the Heye Foundation who performed field work in Ecuador. He also directed an excavation of the Montauk burial site at Pantigo near Easthampton, Long Island for the Museum of the American Indian in 1918. 1874 - 1942. Brother of Marshall H. Saville; son of Mrs. Mary M. Saville; uncle to Randolph H. and Winthrop L. Saville.

Biographical / Historical

Foster H. Saville was an anthropologist who performed fieldwork in Ecuador for the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation. In 1918, he directed the Museum's excavation of the Montauk burial site at Pantigo near East Hampton, Long Island, New York.

Scope and Contents

The Saville collection consists of negatives made by Saville on behalf of the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation. The 1907 negatives were made in Ecuador, primarily in Manabi Province; they depict landscapes and cityscapes, Native dwellings, and Native peoples fishing, participating in processions, and at market. The 1918 negatives depict the archaeological excavations at the Montauk burial site at Pantigo near Easthampton, Long Island, New York.

Arrangement

Arranged by negative number (N00902-N01002, N05071-N05098)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Excavations (Archaeology) -- New York (State) -- East Hampton -- Photographs
Indians of South America -- Ecuador -- Manabí -- Photographs
Montauk
Montauk Indians -- Antiquities -- Photographs

Cultures:

Montauk

Types of Materials:

Negatives