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O.T. Littleton prints and negatives, 1938, 1953

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	O.T. Littleton prints and negatives
Date:	1938 1953
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.001.023
Creator:	Littleton, O. T. (Otis T.)
Extent:	6 Acetate negatives (5 x 7 inches.) 35 Photographic prints (gelatin silver.)
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable .
Summary:	This collection is comprised of 35 gelatin silver prints and 6 acetate negatives taken in 1938 and 1953 by Otis T. Littleton at various archaeological excavations in southern California, including Los Angeles County, Ventura County, Colusa County and Kern County. The majority of the images depict human remains and are restricted.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

NMAIA Review

Preferred Citation

O.T. Littleton prints and negatives, National Museum of the American Indian Archives, Smithsonian Institution (negative, slide or catalog number).

Restrictions

Access is by appointment only, Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Please contact the archives to make an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Restricted: cultural sensitivity.

Biographical Note

Otis T. Littleton was an archaeologist who conducted excavations in California. His "finds" were generally believed to be the result of honest fieldwork, but most have turned out to be forgeries and fantasy pieces, with misrepresented provenance.

Arrangement

Prints: organized in folders; arranged by image number.

Negatives: organized in individual sleeves; arranged by image number.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Excavations (Archaeology) -- California
- Human remains (Archaeology)
- Indians of North America -- California

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white negatives
- Gelatin silver prints
- Photographs