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Godfrey J. Olsen collection of  
negatives and prints, 1933, 1937

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Museum of the American Indian
<b>Title:</b>	Godfrey J. Olsen collection of negatives and prints
<b>Date:</b>	1933 1937
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAI.AC.001.030
<b>Creator:</b>	Olsen, Godfrey J. Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation
<b>Extent:</b>	37 Photographic prints (gelatin silver; 4 x 5 inches.) 43 Acetate negatives (black and white; 5 x 7 inches.)
<b>Language:</b>	No linguistic content; Not applicable .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection contains 43 black-and-white negatives and 37 gelatin silver prints taken by Godfrey J. Olsen. The images depict several archaeological excavations in West Long Branch and Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey, circa 1933. Also present are images from a survey of Bruneau Canyon, Owyhee County, Idaho, which was undertaken in 1937 for the Museum of the American Indian/Heye Foundation.

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## 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

Godfrey J. Olsen collection of negatives and prints, 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

Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish or broadcast materials from the collection must be requested from National Museum of the American Indian Archive Center. Please submit a written request to [nmaiarchives@si.edu](mailto:nmaiarchives@si.edu).

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Some images are restricted due to cultural sensitivity.

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## Biographical Note

Godfrey J. Olsen was an archaeologist for the Fort Ticonderoga Museum and the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation. Over the course of his career, he excavated several sites in New Jersey, and in 1937 surveyed Idaho's Bruneau Canyon for the Museum of the American Indian.

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## Scope and Contents

The Godfrey J. Olsen collection consists of 43 black-and-white negatives and 37 gelatin silver prints made by Olsen around 1933 and in 1937. The circa 1933 images depict several archaeological excavations in West Long Branch and Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey, and the 1937 a survey of Bruneau Canyon, Owyhee County. Olsen made the 1937 materials for the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation.

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## Arrangement

Negatives Arranged by negative number (N20646-N20650, N20678-N20690, N21435-N21459).

Prints Arranged by print number (P10305-P10311, N10444-P10452, N12676-N12696).

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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:

Archaeological surveying -- Idaho -- Photographs  
Excavations (Archaeology) -- New Jersey -- Photographs

### Types of Materials:

Black-and-white negatives  
Gelatin silver prints  
Photographs

### Places:

Bruneau Canyon (Nev. and Idaho) -- photographs