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Emry Kopta collection, 1907-1924

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Emry Kopta collection
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.036
Date:	1907-1924
Creator:	Kopta, Emry
Extent:	413 Photographic prints (black and white) 103 Negatives (photographic) (black and white)
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable .
Summary:	The Emry collection contains images of Hopi ceremonies, including the Soyaluna Ceremony, the Niman Ceremony, Katsina dances, the Snake Dance, the Butterfly Dance and the Buffalo Dance.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

NMAIA Review

Preferred Citation

Emry Kopta collection, 1907-1924, 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

Artist Emry Kopta lived and worked for more than twelve years at First Mesa with a Hopi family that adopted him. While living as part of the community, he made more than two hundred photographs of the Hopi, ranging from scenes of everyday life to religious ceremonies.

Arrangement

Negatives: organized in envelopes; arranged by image number

Prints: organized in folders; 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:

- Hopi Indians
- Hopi Indians -- Rites and ceremonies
- Hopi dance
- Snake dance

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white negatives
- Photographic prints
- Photographs

Places:

- Arizona