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Frederick Starr negatives and  
lantern slides, 1894-1910

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Museum of the American Indian
<b>Title:</b>	Frederick Starr negatives and lantern slides
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAI.AC.052
<b>Date:</b>	1894-1910
<b>Extent:</b>	152 lantern slides 3,344 negatives (photographic)
<b>Creator:</b>	Starr, Frederick, 1859-1933 Lang, Charles B. Grabic, Louis
<b>Language:</b>	No linguistic content; Not applicable
<b>Summary:</b>	The collection includes materials from cultures in the United States, Mexico, Brazil, Guatemala, Colombia, Ecuador, and Guiana: Acoma Pueblo, Apache, Arapaho, Arikara, Assiniboine, Caddo, Cahuilla, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Chibcha, Chinantec, Chippewa (Ojibwa), Choco, Chol, Chontal, Cochiti Pueblo, Crow, Cuicatec, Eskimo, Flathead, Haida, Hopi, Huastec, Huave, Iowa, Iroquois, Isleta, Karaja, Kwakiutl, Laguna Pueblo, Macusi, Mandan, Maya, Mazahua, Mazatec, Mehinaku, Menomini, Mixe, Mixtec, Navajo, Nez Perce, Osage, Otomi, Ottawa, Pawnee, Pima, Ponca, Potawatomi, Salish, San Blas, San Felipe Pueblo, Sauk & Fox, Shuar, Sioux, Taos Pueblo, Tarasco, Teotihuacan, Tepehua, Tlaxcala, Tlingit, Tonkawa, Totonac, Triqui, Tzental, Tzotzil, Ute, Wampanoag, Zapotec, Zoque, Zuni.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Dr. Frederick Starr, Purchased, circa 1929

### Provenance

Photographs in the Starr Collection were taken between the years 1894 and 1910 by Starr, Charles B. Lang, and Louis Grabic. Starr sold the collection to Heye in 1929 or 1930.

### Available Formats

110 negatives and 29 lantern slides have been digitized as of July 2003.

### Processing Information

Gayle Yiotis

## Restrictions

Access restricted. Researchers should contact the staff of the NMAI Archives for an appointment to access the collection.

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## Biographical Note

Frederick Starr was born in Auburn, New York, on September 2, 1858. He received a Ph.D. in biology in 1884 at Coe College, where he was later appointed professor of biology. Starr did postgraduate work in anthropology at Yale. In 1889 he was appointed head of Ethnology at the American Museum of Natural History, and in 1892 he was chosen by William Harper to organize the Anthropology Department at the new University of Chicago. Starr remained at the University until his retirement in 1923. Besides his field studies with various Indian tribes in the United States, Starr traveled to Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Ecuador, Guiana, Japan, the Philippines, and Africa. He died in Tokyo, Japan, on August 14, 1933. Starr was the author of several books and scholarly articles.

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## Arrangement

Collection arranged by item number.

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## General note

Starr hired professional photographers Charles B. Lang and Louis Grabic to accompany him on his field trips. One lantern slide of Moses Ladd (Menomini) was taken by William H. Jackson.

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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:

- Indians of Central America -- Guatemala
- Indians of Mexico
- Indians of North America -- Alaska
- Indians of North America -- Basin
- Indians of North America -- Midwest
- Indians of North America -- Northeast
- Indians of North America -- Northwest
- Indians of North America -- Plains
- Indians of North America -- Plateau
- Indians of North America -- Southeast
- Indians of North America -- Southwest
- Indians of South America -- Brazil
- Indians of South America -- Colombia
- Indians of South America -- Ecuador

Indians of South America -- Guiana

Cultures:

Acoma (N.M.)  
Apache Indians  
Arapaho Indians  
Arikara Indians  
Assiniboine Indians  
Caddo Indians  
Cahuilla Indians  
Caraja Indians  
Cherokee Indians  
Cheyenne Indians  
Chibcha Indians  
Chinantec Indians  
Choco Indians  
Chol Indians  
Chontal Indians  
Cochiti Pueblo  
Crow Indians  
Cuicatec Indians  
Cuna Indians  
Eskimos  
Flathead Indians  
Haida Indians  
Hopi Indians  
Huastec Indians  
Huave Indians  
Iowa Indians  
Iroquois Indians  
Isleta Indians  
Kwakiutl Indians  
Laguna (N.M.)  
Macusi Indians  
Mandan Indians  
Mayas  
Mazahua Indians  
Mazatec Indians  
Mehinacu Indians  
Menomini Indian Tribe  
Mixe Indians  
Mixtec Indians  
Navajo Indians  
Nez Percé Indians  
Ojibwa Indians  
Osage Indians  
Otomi Indians  
Ottawa Indians  
Pawnee Indians  
Pima Indians  
Ponca Indians  
Potawatomi Indians  
Salish Indians

San Blas  
San Felipe Pueblo (N.M.)  
Sauk and Fox Nation  
Shuar Indians  
Sioux Nation  
Taos Pueblo  
Tarasco Indians  
Teotihuacan  
Tepehua Indians  
Tlaxcala  
Tlingit Indians  
Tonkawa Indians  
Totonac Indians  
Triqui  
Tzeltal Indians  
Tzotzil Indians  
Ute Indians  
Wampanoag Indians  
Zapotec Indians  
Zoque Indians  
Zuni Indians

Types of Materials:

Lantern slides  
Negatives

Geographic Names:

Alaska  
Arkansas  
Brazil  
Colombia  
Ecuador  
Georgia  
Illinois  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Kentucky  
Mexico  
Missouri  
New Mexico  
New York  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Pennsylvania  
Washington  
West Virginia  
Wisconsin