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Frederick Starr negatives and
lantern slides, 1894-1910

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Frederick Starr negatives and lantern slides
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.052
Date:	1894-1910
Extent:	152 lantern slides 3344 negatives (photographic)
Creator:	Starr, Frederick, 1859-1933 Lang, Charles B. Grabic, Louis
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable
Summary:	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.

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.

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.

Arrangement

Collection arranged by item number.

General

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.

Names and Subject Terms

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

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
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
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