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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
Date:	1894-1910
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.052
Creator:	Starr, Frederick, 1859-1933 Lang, Charles B. (Photographer) Grabic, Louis (Photographer)
Extent:	152 Lantern slides 3344 Negatives (photographic)
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:

Subjects:

- A:shiwi (Zuni)
- Acoma Pueblo
- Akimel O'odham (Pima)
- Anishinaabe (Chippewa/Ojibwa)
- Apache
- Apsáalooke (Crow/Absaroke)
- Assiniboine (Stoney)
- Caddo
- Cahuilla
- Chaticks Si Chaticks (Pawnee)
- Cherokee
- Chibcha
- Chinantec
- Chol Maya
- Cochiti Pueblo
- Diné (Navajo)
- Haida
- 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

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Indians of North America -- Plains
Indians of North America -- Plateau
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Indians of South America -- Brazil
Indians of South America -- Colombia
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Indians of South America -- Guiana
Inunaina (Arapaho)
Iroquois
Isleta Pueblo
Karajá (Caraja)
Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwakiutl)
Laguna Pueblo
Macushi (Macusi)
Maya
Mazahua
Mazatec [Huatla]
Mehináku (Mehinacu)
Menominee (Menomini)
Mixe
Mixtec
Niimípuu (Nez Perce)
Numakiki (Mandan)
Osage
Otomí (Otomi)
Ponca
Potawatomi
Purepecha (Tarasco)
Sac and Fox (Sauk & Fox)
Sahnish (Arikara)
Salish (Flathead)
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San Felipe Pueblo
Shuar
Sioux
Taos Pueblo
Teotihuacán (archaeological culture)
Tlingit
Tonkawa
Totonac
Triqui (Trique) [San Joan Copala]
Tsistsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)
Tzeltal Maya
Tzotzil Maya
Ute
Wampanoag
Zapotec
Zoque

Cultures:

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Types of Materials:

Lantern slides
Negatives

Places:

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