Edward S. Curtis photogravure plates and proofs for *The North American Indian*

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Collection Overview

Repository: National Museum of the American Indian
Title: Edward S. Curtis photogravure plates and proofs for The North American Indian
Identifier: NMAI.AC.080
Date: 1899-1927
circa 1980
Extent: 96 photomechanical prints (photogravure proofs)
184 printing plates (copper printing plates)
Creator: Curtis, Edward S., 1868-1952
Language: English
Summary: The Edward S. Curtis photogravure plates and proofs for The North American Indian include photogravure printing plates and associated proofs made from Curtis photographs and used in the publication of The North American Indian volumes 1-9 and 12-19. The bulk of the images are portraits, though there are also images of everyday items, ceremonial artifacts, and camps.

Digital Content: Image(s): Representative Image

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
This collection was donated by Steven and Arlene Kern to the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, in 1984.

Provenance
The photogravure plates and proofs were used to print The North American Indian (NAI) and then passed from the North American Indian, Inc., to the Morgan Company. In about 1930, the Morgan Company sold the copper plates (along with complete sets of the volumes) to Charles Lauriat Books of Boston, Massachusetts, which later auctioned the full collection in 1972. After some changing of hands, the collection was purchased by a group of five (including some original purchasers from Charles Lauriat Books). The five buyers established the company Classic Gravure (CG, circa 1976) with the intention of publishing abridged versions of The North American Indian. Plates from original NAI volumes 1, 2, 12, 16, and 17 were re-struck (and proofs apparently changed out) for images published in a Southwest volume, the first and only of these to successfully make it to publication. In addition, many of the plates were re-struck as one-offs in a deal between CG and American Express. In 1981, CG contacted the Museum of American Indian (MAI) to propose a cooperative effort, though shortly thereafter Steve Kern and Kenneth Zerbe purchased CG and renamed it The Curtis Collection. In 1983, a final deal was reached between Curtis Collection and MAI, whereby the plates were placed
on loan at MAI. The following summer, MAI terminated the agreement and, in December of that year, Steve Kern offered a portion of his photogravure plates and proofs as a gift to the museum.

Related Materials

NMAI also holds Edward Curtis photographs documenting the Harriman Expedition (1899) as well as platinum prints and photogravures of the images published in *The North American Indian*.

The Smithsonian Institution, National Anthropological Archives holds Edward Curtis prints submitted for copyright (Photo Lot 59) as well as many of his original negatives, photographs, and papers.

Steve Kern donated photogravure plates to the Center for Creative Photography and the Seattle Art Museum at the same time that he donated this set to MAI.

Processing Information

Processed by Sarah Ganderup, Contract Archivist in 2014, with funding from the Smithsonian Women's Committee.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Edward S. Curtis photogravure plates and proofs for *The North American Indian*, Box and Folder Number; National Museum of the American Indian Archive Center, Smithsonian Institution.

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Biographical / Historical

Edward Sheriff Curtis (1868-1952) was an American photographer best known for his monumental and now-controversial project, the twenty-volume publication *The North American Indian*. Here he sought to document in words and pictures the "vanishing race" of American Indians.

Born in Wisconsin in 1868, Edward Curtis grew up on his family's farm in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, from 1874 to 1887. In 1887, he and his father Johnson Curtis settled on a plot near what is now Port Orchard, Washington, and the rest of the family joined them the following year. When Johnson Curtis died within a month of the family's arrival, the burden of providing for his mother and siblings fell to 20-year-old Edward, and Edward set out to do so through his photography. In 1891, Curtis moved to the booming city of Seattle and bought into a joint photo studio with Rasmus Rothi. Less than a year later, he formed "Curtis and Guptill, Photographers and Photoengravers" with Thomas Guptill; the enterprise quickly
became a premier portrait studio for Seattle’s elite. In 1895, Curtis made his first "Indian photograph" depicting Princess Angeline, daughter of the chief for whom Seattle had been named. The following year he earned his first medal from the National Photographic Convention for his "genre studies."

In 1899, Edward Curtis joined the Harriman Alaska Expedition as official photographer, a position which allowed him to learn from anthropologists C. Hart Merriam and George Bird Grinnell while documenting the landscapes and peoples of the Alaskan coast. This expedition and the resulting friendship with Grinnell helped to foster Curtis’s ultimate goal to "form a comprehensive and permanent record of all the important tribes of the United States and Alaska that still retain to a considerable degree their primitive customs and traditions" (General Introduction, The North American Indian). Curtis made several trips to reservations from 1900 to 1904, including a trip with Grinnell to Montana in 1900 and multiple trips to the Southwest, including the Hopi Reservation. He also hired Adolph Muhr, former assistant to Omaha photographer Frank A. Rinehart, to manage the Curtis studio in his absence, a decision which would prove more and more fruitful as Curtis spent less and less time in Seattle.

In 1906, Curtis struck a deal with financier J. P. Morgan, whereby Morgan would support a company – The North American Indian, Inc. – with $15,000 for five years, by which time the project was expected to have ended. Systematic fieldwork for the publication began in earnest that summer season, with Curtis accompanied by a team of ethnological researchers and American Indian assistants. Arguably the most important member of Curtis' field team was William Myers, a former newspaperman who collected much of the ethnological data and completed most of the writing for the project. The first volume, covering Navajo and Apache peoples, was published at the end of 1907, but already Morgan's funding was incapable of meeting Curtis's needs. Despite heaping praise from society's elite, Curtis spent much of his time struggling to find people and institutions willing to subscribe to the expensive set of volumes. After the initial five years, only eight of the proposed twenty volumes had been completed. Fieldwork and publication continued with the support of J. P. Morgan, but Curtis's home life suffered because of his prolonged absences.

In 1919, Curtis's wife Clara was awarded a divorce settlement which included the entire Curtis studio in Seattle. Exhausted and bankrupt, Edward Curtis moved with his daughter Beth Magnuson to Los Angeles, where they operated a new Curtis Studio and continued work on the volumes; volume 12 was published in 1922. The constant financial strain forced Myers to leave the North American Indian team after volume 18 (fieldwork in 1926) and Curtis made his last trip to photograph and gather data for volume 20 in 1927. After the final volumes were published in 1930, Curtis almost completely faded from public notice until his work was "rediscovered" and popularized in the 1970s.

Curtis's "salvage ethnology," as scholar Mick Gidley describes it, was mildly controversial even during his life and has become ever more so as his legacy deepens. In his quest to photograph pre-colonial Indian life through a twentieth-century lens, he often manipulated and constructed history as much as he recorded it: he staged reenactments, added props, and removed evidence of twentieth-century influences on "primitive" life. Curtis's work continues to shape popular conceptions of American Indians and so, while problematic, his legacy--his vision of American Indian life--continues to be relevant.

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**Scope and Contents**

The collection comprises 183 photogravure plates (101 folio and 82 octavo) and 96 associated proofs used in the printing of The North American Indian volumes 1-9 and 12-19. The original photographs used to make the photogravures were made circa 1903-1926 and the photogravure plates were made in 1907-1930. The bulk are portraits, though there are also images of everyday items, ceremonial artifacts, and camps. About half of the proofs in the collection are originals used for Curtis's publication, though the collection also includes proofs made in the process of later publication by the Classic Gravure Company (circa 1980). Vintage proofs include handwritten notes, likely made by Curtis Studio employees in Seattle.
and Los Angeles. Many of the photogravure plates do not have matching proofs; in particular, there are no proofs for the octavo plates.

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**Arrangement**

The plates and proofs are arranged by the volume of *The North American Indian* in which they were published. They are described in this finding aid by the caption and plate number with which they were published.

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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:

- A'aninin (Gros Ventre)
- A:shiwi (Zuni)
- Achomawi Indians
- Akimel O'odham (Pima)
- Apache Indians
- Apsáalooke (Crow/Absaroke)
- Cayuse Indians
- Chukchansi Yokuts
- Cree Indians
- Denésoliné (Chipewyan)
- Diné (Navajo)
- Hoh
- Hopi Pueblo
- Hualapai Indians
- Hupa Indians
- Indians of North America -- Pictorial works
- Jemez Pueblo
- K'apovi (Santa Clara Pueblo)
- Kainai Blackfoot (Kainah/Blood)
- Kalispel Indians
- Kewa (Santo Domingo Pueblo)
- Klamath Indians
- Kumeyaay (Diegueño)
- Kupangaxwichem (Kupa/Cupeño)
- Kutzadika'a (Mono Paiute)
- Laguna Pueblo
- Maidu Indians
- Mewuk (Miwok)
- Mojave
- Nimíipuu (Nez Perce)
- Niuam (Comanche)
- Northern Paiute Indians
- Numakiki (Mandan)
- Oglala Indians
- Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan Pueblo)
Osage Indians
Piipaash (Maricopa)
Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegans)
Pomo Indians
Ponca
Quechan (Yuma/Cuchan)
Quileute
Quinault Indians
Sahnish (Arikara)
Salish Indians
San Ildefonso Pueblo
Santa Ysabel (Santa Isabela) Diegueño
Serrano Indians
Sicangu Lakota (Brulé Sioux)
Skokomish Indians
Southern Mewuk (Southern Miwok)
Spokan
Squaxin
Suquamish Indians
Tewa Pueblos
Tohono O’Odham
Tolowa Indians
Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)
Tsuu T’ina (Sarcee)
Twana Indians
Wailaki Indians
Walla Walla Indians
Wappo Indians
Washoe (Washo)
Wichita Indians
Wishram
Yakama Indians
Yokuts Indians
Yurok Indians

Cultures:
A’aninin (Gros Ventre)
A:shiwi (Zuni)
Achomawi Indians
Akimel O’odham (Pima)
Apache Indians
Apsáalooke (Crow/Absaroke)
Cayuse Indians
Chukchansi Yokuts
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Oglala Indians
Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan Pueblo)
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Piipaash (Maricopa)
Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan)
Pomo Indians
Ponca
Quechan (Yuma/Cuchan)
Quileute
Quinault Indians
Sahnish (Arikara)
San Ildefonso Pueblo
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Skokomish Indians
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Tewa Pueblos
Tohono O’Odham
Tolowa Indians
Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)
Tsuu T’ina (Sarcee)
Twana Indians
Wailaki Indians
Walla Walla Indians
Wappo Indians
Washoe (Washo)
Wichita Indians
Wishram
Yakama Indians
Yokuts Indians
Yurok Indians

Types of Materials:
Photographs
Photogravures
Container Listing

Series 1: Volume 1, 1903-1907

5 printing plates
Box 8vo1-8vo2
This series includes five octavo plates depicting Apache maternity belts and a camp, as well as Apache and Diné (Navajo) religious paintings.

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Series 2: Volume 2, 1903, 1907 (bulk 1907-1907)

5 photomechanical prints
11 printing plates
Box 8vo2 (photographs)
Box F1-F4 (photographs)

This series includes eight folio plates and three octavo plates showing portraits of Piipaash (Maricopa), Mojave (Mohave), Tohono O'odham (Papago), Akimel O'odham (Pima), Hualapai (Walapai), and Quechan (Yuma/Cuchan) men and women. It also includes five proofs made by Classic Gravure from folio plates in the collection.

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Box 8vo2
A Yuma, 1907
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo2
Yuma maiden, 1907
1 printing plate
Image(s)

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Series 3: Volume 3, 1907-1908

3 Prints
6 photomechanical prints
Box 8vo3 (photographs)
Box F5-F6 (photographs)

This series includes four folio plates and two octavo plates depicting Oglala Lakota (Oglala Sioux) and Sicangu Lakota (Brulé Sioux) men and women and two scalp shirts. It also has three proofs made by Classic Gravure from folio plates in the collection.

Box F5            Plate 78: Two Strike, 1907
1 photomechanical print  
1 printing plate  
Image(s)

Box F5            Plate 82: Hollow Horn Bear, 1907
1 printing plate  
Image(s)

Box F6            Plate 89: Little Hawk, 1908
1 printing plate  
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F6            Plate 94: Ogalala woman, 1907
1 printing plate  
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box 8vo3          Scalp-shirts, 1908
1 printing plate  
Image(s)

Box 8vo3          Stands First (Ogalala), 1907
1 printing plate  
Image(s)
Series 4: Volume 4, 1908

9 printing plates
5 photomechanical prints
Box 8vo3-8vo4 (photographs)
Box F7-F9 (photographs)

This series includes five folio plates and four octavo plates showing portraits of Apsáalooke (Crow/Absaroke) men and women and two tipis. It also has four proofs made by Classic Gravure and one original proof for Curtis' publication.

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Series 5: Volume 5, 1908

4 photomechanical prints
11 printing plates
Box 8vo4-8vo6 (photographs)
Box F9-F11 (photographs)

This series includes four folio plates and seven octavo plates showing portraits of Sahnish (Arikara) and A’aninin (Gros Ventre) men and women and ceremonial artifacts of Sahnish, A’aninin, and Numakiki (Mandan) peoples. It also has four proofs made by Classic Gravure from plates in this collection.

Box F9
Plate 151: Four Horns - Arikara, 1908
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F10
Plate 154: Bear’s Teeth - Arikara, 1908
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F10
Plate 165: Arikara girl, 1908
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F11
Plate 167: No Bear - Atsina, 1908
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo4
Beside the stream, 1908
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo4
Contents of bundle of Numak-Mahana (Mandan), 1908
1 printing plate

Box 8vo5
Keeper of a medicine bundle (Arikara), 1908
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo5
Parfleches (Atsina), 1908
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo5
Rattles of Arikara bear medicine-men, 1908
1 printing plate

Box 8vo5
Record of custodians of a turtle-drum (Mandan), 1908
Box 8vo6  
Three White Cows (Atsina), 1908  
1 printing plate  
Image(s)
Series 6: Volume 6, 1910-1911, 1905, 1900 (bulk 1910-1911)

**11 printing plates**
- 6 photomechanical prints

*Box 8vo6-8vo7* (photographs)
*Box F11-F14* (photographs)

This series includes six folio plates and five octavo plates depicting objects used by Pikuni Blackfeet people and portraits of Tsistsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne) and Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) men and women. It also has six proofs of folio plates made by Classic Gravure. One plate is covered by a substance or corrosion that obscures the image.

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Day-dreams (Piegan), 1911
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Box 8vo7
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Image(s)
Series 7: Volume 7, 1905, 1910 (bulk 1910-1910)

16 printing plates
8 photomechanical prints
Box 8vo7-8vo9 (photographs)
Box F14-F18 (photographs)

This series includes eight folio plates and eight octavo plates depicting Salish (Flathead), Kalispel (Pend d'Oreilles), Yakama (Yakima), and Spokan men and women as well as a Spokan camp. It also has eight proofs made by Classic Gravure from folio plates in the collection.

Box F14
Plate 225: Klickitat type, 1910
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F15
Plate 226: Klickitat profile, 1910
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F15
Plate 227: Flathead type, 1910
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F16
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1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F16
Plate 237: Kalispel type, 1910
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F17
Plate 241: Spokan man, 1910
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F17
Plate 244: Nespilim man, 1910
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F18
Plate 247: Luqaiot - Kittitas, 1905
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box 8vo7
Ahlahlemila (Flathead), 1910
Chief of the land (Kalispel), 1910

The chief's wife (Kalispel), 1910

Lishhaiahit (Kittitas), 1910

Mitsa (Klickitat), 1910

Red Owl (Flathead), 1910

Returning to camp (Spokan), 1910

Typical Spokan woman, 1910
Series 8: Volume 8, 1909-1910, 1899, 1905 (bulk 1910-1910)

8 printing plates
3 photomechanical prints
Box 8vo9-8vo10 (photographs)
Box F18-F19 (photographs)

This series includes three folio plates and five octavo plates showing bone carvings, beadwork, and portraits of Nimi'ipuu (Nez Perce), Cayuse, Wishram, and Walla Walla (Wallawalla) men and women. It also includes three proofs made by Classic Gravure from plates in the collection.

Box F18
Plate 258: Typical Nez Perce, 1899
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F19
Plate 267: Piopio-maksmaks - Wallawalla, 1905
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F19
Plate 282: Hlalakum - Wishham, 1909
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo9
Bone carving (Cascade), 1910
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo9
Cayuse type, 1910
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo10
Cayuse woman, 1910
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo10
Nez Perce matron, 1910
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo10
Wishham Beadwork, 1910
1 printing plate
Image(s)
Series 9: Volume 9, 1899, 1912 (bulk 1912-1912)

10 printing plates
6 photomechanical prints
Box F20-F23 (photographs)
Box 8vo10-8vo11 (photographs)

This series includes seven folio plates and three octavo plates depicting portraits of Hoh, Twana, Quileute, Quinault, Skokomish, Suquamish, and Squaxon men and women. It also has six proofs made by Classic Gravure from plates in the collection. Two plates are severely corroded.

Box F20
Plate 293: Primitive Quinault, 1912
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F20
Plate 295: Quinault female profile, 1912
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F21
Plate 299: Tsatsalatsa - Skokomish, 1912
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F21
Plate 305: Suquamish woman, 1899
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F22
Plate 306: Suquamish girl, 1912
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F22
Plate 307: Squaxon matron, 1912
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F23
Plate 308: Puget Sound type, 1899
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box 8vo10
Hoh type, 1912
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo11
Lotsubelo (Quilcene), 1912
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo11
Silto (Quillute), 1912
1 printing plate
Image(s)

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Series 10: Volume 12, 1904-1907, 1921

5 photomechanical prints
8 printing plates
Box F23-F25 (photographs)
Box 8vo11-8vo12 (photographs)

This series includes five folio plates and three octavo plates depicting a snake priest, basket plaques, and portraits of Hopi women and girls. It also has five proofs made by Classic Gravure from plates in the collection. One plate is severely corroded.

Box F23  Plate 411: Hopi woman, 1905
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F24  Plate 412: Hopi maiden, 1905
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F24  Plate 414: Chaiwa - Tewa, 1921
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F25  Plate 415: Chaiwa - Tewa, profile, 1921
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F25  Plate 423: Primitive style of hairdressing, 1921
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box 8vo11  A snake priest, 1907
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo11  An East Mesa girl, 1904
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo12  Oraibi plaques, 1921
1 printing plate
Image(s)
Series 11: Volume 13, 1923

18 printing plates
5 photomechanical prints
Box F26-F28 (photographs)
Box 8vo12-8vo15 (photographs)

This series includes five folio plates and thirteen octavo plates depicting a Hupa house, canoe, and fishing techniques as well as portraits of Hupa, Tolowa, Yurok, Klamath, and Achomawi (Pit River) men and women, some wearing ceremonial clothing. It also includes five original proofs of the North American Indian, Inc.

Box F26
Plate 437: Sam Ewing - Yurok, 1923
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F26
Plate 440: Old Klamath woman, 1923
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F27
Plate 446: A Klamath type, 1923
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F27
Plate 466: Achomawi man, 1923
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F28
Plate 467: Principal female shaman of the Hupa, 1923
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box 8vo12
Costume of the obsidian-bearer (Hupa), 1923
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo12
Dancer with black deer effigy (Hupa), 1923
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo12
Dip-netting at the sugar bowl (Hupa), 1923
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo13
The forest stream, 1923
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo13
Hupa canoe, 1923
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo13
Hupa female shaman, 1923
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo13
Hupa salmon-fishing, 1923
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo14
Modern Hupa house, 1923
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo14
Obsidian bearer, White deerskin dance (Hupa), 1923
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo14
Tolowa man, 1923
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo14
Tolowa type, 1923
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo15
Watching for salmon (Hupa), 1923
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo15
White deerskin dance costume (Hupa), 1923
1 printing plate
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Series 12: Volume 14, 1924

13 photomechanical prints
18 printing plates
Box F28-F35 (photographs)
Box 8vo15-8vo16 (photographs)

This series includes fourteen folio plates and four octavo plates showing portraits of Mewuk (Miwok), Yokuts, Pomo, Wailaki, Wappo, and Maidu men and women. It also has thirteen proofs made by the North American Indian, Inc.

Box F28
Plate 472: Mitat - Wailaki, 1924
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F29
Plate 473: Old "Ukiah" - Pomo, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F29
Plate 476: Mixed-blood Coast Pomo, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F30
Plate 478: Shatila - Pomo, 1924
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F30
Plate 486: Coast Pomo girl, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F31
Plate 490: Wappo, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F31
Plate 491: Wappo woman, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F32
Plate 492: Otila - Maidu, 1924
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F32
Plate 493: Miwok head-man, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print

Box F33
Plate 495: Southern Miwok, 1924
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate

Box F33
Plate 498: Yauelmani Yokuts, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print

Box F34
Plate 504: Chukchansi Yokuts type, 1924
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate

Box F34
Plate 505: Chukchansi matron, 1924
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate

Box F35
Plate 507: Yaundanchi Yokuts woman, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print

Box 8vo15
A Coast Pomo man, 1924
1 printing plate

Box 8vo15
The hunting basket, 1924
1 printing plate

Box 8vo16
A southern Miwok, 1924
1 printing plate

Box 8vo16
A southern Miwok woman, 1924
1 printing plate

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Series 13: Volume 15, 1924

11 photomechanical prints
18 printing plates
Box F35-F40 (photographs)
Box 8vo16-8vo18 (photographs)

This series includes eleven folio plates and seven octavo plates depicting vessels, baskets, mortar pits, and portraits of Kumeyaay (Diegueño), Northern Paiute (Paviotso), Kutzadika'a (Mono Paiute), Kupangaxwichem (Kupa/Cupeño), Serrano, and Washoe (Washo) men and women. It also has eleven proofs made by the North American Indian, Inc. One plate is covered by a substance or corrosion that obscurs the image.

Box F35
Plate 510: Cupeño woman, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F36
Plate 512: Serrano woman of Tejon, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F36
Plate 513: Tejon Serrano, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F37
Plate 526: Diegueño of Capitan Grande, 1924
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F37
Plate 527: Diegueño woman of Santa Ysabel, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F38
Plate 530: Diegueño woman of Campo, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F38
Plate 532: Diegueño of Santa Ysabel, 1924
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F39
Plate 535: Pyramid Lake Paviotso, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F39
Plate 537: Aged Paviotso of Pyramid Lake, 1924
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F40  Plate 539: Walker Lake Paviotso, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F40  Plate 543: Washo woman, 1924
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box 8vo16  A Capitan Grande man (Digueño), 1924
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo16  A Capitan Grande woman (Digueño), 1924
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo17  A Mono type, 1924
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo17  Mortar pits (Cupeño), 1924
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo17  Sandstone vessels from Santa Catalina Island, 1924
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo17  Washo burden-basket and trinket-basket, 1924
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo18  A Washo gem, 1924
1 printing plate
Image(s)
Series 14: Volume 16, 1925

1 photomechanical print
4 printing plates
Box F41 (photographs)
Box 8vo18 (photographs)

This series includes one folio plate (and associated proof) and three octavo plates depicting pottery from Laguna Pueblo, the remains of a church at Gyusiwa, a Jemez Pueblo governor, and a Kewa (Santo Domingo Pueblo) man. The proof was made by the North American Indian, Inc.

Box F41
Plate 557: Lucero - Santo Domingo, 1925
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo18
Laguna water-jar, 1925
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo18
Ruins of the church at Gyusiwa, 1925
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo18
Tsola ("Chipmunk"), Jemez governor, 1925
1 printing plate
Image(s)
Series 15: Volume 17, 1905, 1925

3 photomechanical prints
8 printing plates
Box F41-F42 (photographs)
Box 8vo19-8vo20 (photographs)

This series includes three folio plates and five octavo plates depicting ceremonial and daily objects of Tewa Pueblo people and portraits of K’apovi (Santa Clara Pueblo), A:shiwi (Zuni), Okhay Owingeh (San Juan Pueblo), and San Ildefonso Pueblo people. It also has three proofs made by the North American Indian, Inc.

Box F41

Plate 596: Ambrosio Martinez - San Juan, 1905
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F42

Plate 601: Oyi-tsa (Duck White), summer cacique of Santa Clara, 1905
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F42

Plate 611: Lutakawi, Zuni Governor, 1925
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box 8vo19

Agoyo-aye ("Star Moving") (San Ildefonso), 1905
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo19

Fo-e ("Snow Child") (Santa Clara), 1905
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo19

Ruins on the mesa at Puye, 1925
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo19

Tewa war-god effigies, 1925
1 printing plate

Box 8vo20

Zuñi pottery, 1925
1 printing plate
Image(s)
Series 16: Volume 18, 1926

14 printing plates
12 photomechanical prints
Box 8vo20 (photographs)
Box F43-F48 (photographs)

This series includes twelve folio plates and two octavo plates showing portraits of Denésoliné (Chipewyan), Cree, Tsuu T'ina (Sarcee), and Kainai Blackfoot (Kainah/Blood) men and women. It also includes twelve proofs made by the North American Indian, Inc. One plate is covered by a black substance which obscures the image.

Box F43
Plate 617: Titishu-kghtluhl ("Deer Running") - Sarsi, 1926
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F43
Plate 618: Tsaaassi-mis-salla ("Crow with Necklace") - Sarsi, 1926
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F44
Plate 619: Muwu ("His Tooth") - Sarsi, 1926
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F44
Plate 626: A Cree, 1926
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F45
Plate 627: A Cree woman, 1926
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F45
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1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F46
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1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F46
Plate 641: Calf Child - Blackfoot, 1926
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F47
Plate 647: Makoyepuk ("Wolf-child") - Blood, 1926
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F47
Plate 649: Astanighkyi ("Come-singing") - Blood, 1926
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F48
Plate 650: Stsimaki ("Reluctant-to-be-woman") - Blood, 1926
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F48
Plate 651: Soyaksin - Blood, 1926
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo20
A Chipewyan woman, 1926
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo20
A Cree, 1926
1 printing plate
Image(s)
Series 17: Volume 19, 1927

6 photomechanical prints
9 printing plates
Box 8vo21 (photographs)
Box F49-F51 (photographs)

This series includes six folio plates and three octavo plates depicting Osage ceremonial artifacts and portraits of Osage, Ponca, Wichita, Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne), and Niuam (Comanche) men and women. It also includes six proofs made by the North American Indian, Inc.

Box F49
Plate 668: Dog Woman - Cheyenne, 1927
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F49
Plate 669: Woista - Cheyenne woman, 1927
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F50
Plate 670: Reuben Taylor (Istofhuts) - Cheyenne, 1927
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F50
Plate 682: Esipermi - Comanche, 1927
1 photomechanical print
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box F51
Plate 684: Uwat - Comanche, 1927
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box F51
Plate 686: A Comanche, 1927
1 printing plate
1 photomechanical print
Image(s)

Box 8vo21
Altar peyote with rattle (Osage), 1927
1 printing plate

Box 8vo21
White Deer (Ponca), 1927
1 printing plate
Image(s)

Box 8vo21
A Wichita matron, 1927
1 printing plate
Image(s)