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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Museum of the American Indian
<b>Title:</b>	St. Michael Indian School photographs
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1950-1959
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAI.AC.096
<b>Creator:</b>	St. Michael Indian School (Saint Michaels, Ariz.)
<b>Extent:</b>	.02 Linear feet 8 Photographic prints
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection contains photographs that depict students, teachers, and medical professionals associated with the St. Michael Indian School in St. Michaels, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation from circa 1950-1959.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This collection was donated by Mary Fennell Ainsley in 2017.

### Processing Information

Processed by Emily Moazami, Assistant Head Archivist in 2017.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); St. Michael Indian School photographs, Box and Item Number; National Museum of the American Indian Archive Center, Smithsonian Institution.

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Some images restricted: privacy.

## Biographical / Historical

St. Katharine Drexel founded the St. Michael's Indian School in Saint Michaels, Arizona in 1902. Diné (Navajo) elementary students initially attended the school, but in 1950 the school added a four-year high school program.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 8 gelatin silver prints that depict students, teachers, and medical professionals associated with the St. Michael Indian School in St. Michaels, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation from circa 1950-1959.

The photographer of the photos is unknown. The names of several individuals were written on the back of the photographs presumably by the photographer.

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 2 folders.

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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:

- Diné (Navajo)
- Indians of North America -- Arizona -- Photographs
- Indians of North America -- Education
- Photographs

### Cultures:

- Diné (Navajo)

### Places:

- Navajo Indian Reservation
- Saint Michaels (Ariz.)

## Container Listing

Photo-folder 1	<p><a href="#">Leo Watchman and Nathaniel Jackson teaching a class at St. Michael Indian School, circa 1950-1959</a></p> <p>1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Photograph of Leo Watchman (standing left) and Nathaniel Jackson (standing right) teaching a class at the St. Michael Indian School in Arizona. Mr. Watchman may be Leo C. Watchman (1937-1993) who served in the New Mexico State Legislature from 1969-1979 and 1983-1993.</p> <p>Culture: Diné (Navajo)</p>
Photo-folder 1	<p><a href="#">Pearl Hathali and Ruth Frazer teaching a class at St. Michael Indian School, circa 1950-1959</a></p> <p>1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Photograph depicting Pearl Hathali (Hatathli; sitting far left) and Ruth Frazer (sitting, second from left) teaching a group of students outdoors at the St. Michael Indian School in Arizona. A picture of Jesus is on an easel behind the children indicating that the class may have been a religious lesson.</p> <p>Culture: Diné (Navajo)</p>
Photo-folder 1	<p><a href="#">Mary Denison and St. Michael Indian School students swimming, circa 1950-1959</a></p> <p>1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Photograph of St. Michael Indian School students swimming in an outdoor pool. Mary Denison, possibly a teacher, is standing center, left.</p> <p>Culture: Diné (Navajo)</p>
Photo-folder 1	<p><a href="#">Mary Denison and Mrs. Jesse Baker teaching a class at St. Michael Indian School, circa 1950-1959</a></p> <p>1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Photograph of St. Michael Indian School students working outside at a stone table, possibly during a sewing lesson. Mary Denison (far left) and Mrs. Jesse Baker (fifth from left) were possibly teachers.</p> <p>Culture: Diné (Navajo)</p>
Photo-folder 1	<p><a href="#">St. Michael Indian School students with a herd of sheep, circa 1950-1959</a></p> <p>1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Photograph depicting two girl in a field with sheep. The girls were probably students at the St. Michael Indian School in Arizona.</p> <p>Culture: Diné (Navajo)</p>
Photo-folder 2	<p>RESTRICTED (privacy), circa 1950-1959</p> <p>1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Photograph of Dr. Robert Lindsay treating a student from the St. Michael Indian School in Arizona.</p>

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