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Arne Arbin photographs from Panama

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Arne Arbin photographs from Panama
Date:	circa 1933
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.192
Creator:	Arbin, Arne (Photographer)
Extent:	44 Photographs .07 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection contains 44 photographs depicting Emberá (Choikoi) peoples in Panama circa 1933.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated to the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation in 1933 by Arne Arbin.

Related Materials

The Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology holds object collected by Arne Arbin during his research expeditions in Panama. They also hold a report written by Arbin describing the expedition.

Processing Information

Collection record written by Emily Moazami in 2019.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Arne Arbin photographs from Panama, Item Number; National Museum of the American Indian Archive Center, Smithsonian Institution.

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Biographical / Historical

Relatively little is known about Arne Arbin. He was born in Sweden and conducted expeditions throughout the western hemisphere.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 36 photographs and 8 copy negatives shot by Arne Arbin circa 1933. The photographs depict the Emberá (Choikoi) peoples living along the tributaries of Sambú River in eastern Panama. In historical literature the Emberá people were known as Chokó Indians. The photographs include portraits of individuals and families, as well as scenes of daily life such as grinding corn and traveling via canoes, among other scenes. The photographs include handwritten captions on the versos.

Arrangement

Arranged by catalog number.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Emberá (Choikoi)
Indians of Central America -- Panama

Cultures:

Emberá (Choikoi)

Places:

Panama