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## Wenner-Gren expedition photographs

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Museum of the American Indian
<b>Title:</b>	Wenner-Gren expedition photographs
<b>Date:</b>	1940-1941
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAI.AC.199
<b>Creator:</b>	Wenner-Gren, Axel, 1881-1961 Von Hagen, Victor Wolfgang, 1908-1985 Fejos, Paul, 1897-1963
<b>Extent:</b>	106 Slides (photographs) 760 Photographs 166 Copy negatives
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection includes photographs, slides, and copy negatives made during the Wenner-Gren expedition to Brazil, Colombia, and Peru.
<b>Container:</b>	Box General slides

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Gift of Axel Wenner Gren, 1942 and Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Inc. 1952

### Processing Information

This collection is currently unprocessed. Collection record written by Mattie Lewis, Archives Technician in 2024.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Wenner-Gren expedition photographs, image #, NMAI.AC.199; National Museum of the American Indian Archives Center, Smithsonian Institution.

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## Axel Wenner-Gren

Axel Wenner-Gren (1881-1961) was a Swedish businessman. He earned his fortune through early adaptation of industrial vacuums for home use. As the majority owner of Electrolux, he was one of the wealthiest men in the world in the 1930's. Wenner-Gren also had an interest in train systems. Another company of his, Alweg, built the original Disneyland Monorail System and he worked to build a railway from Prince George, British Colombia to Alaska. In 1941, Wenner-Gren founded The Viking Fund to support anthropology research. The fund led to the creation of what is now called the Wenner-Gren Laboratory at the University of Kentucky.

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## Wenner-Gren expedition to South America

The Wenner-Gren expedition to South America was an anthropology research trip. Axel Wenner-Gren was the funder through his endowment called The Viking Fund. Accompanying him on the trip Dr. Victor Wolfgang von Hagen (archaeologist, writer), Norman Matthews (photographer), and Dr. Paul Fejos (film director, Scientific Director Viking Fund).

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## Scope and Contents

This collection is currently unprocessed. Copy negatives N37117, N37337-N37488, N37493-N37500, N37519, N38102-N38105, N41469 Photographs P15391-P15933, P16219-P16552, P18566-P18570 Slides S01382-S01487

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## Arrangement

Arranged by catalog number.

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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:

- Bora
- Inka (Inca)
- Kareneri
- Quechua
- Witoto
- Yagua (Yahua)

### Cultures:

- Bora
- Inka (Inca)
- Kareneri
- Quechua

Witoto  
Yagua (Yahua)

Places:

Brazil  
Colombia  
Peru