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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Northern Cheyenne photograph collection
Date:	1900
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.214
Creator:	Dixon, Ethel Merritt (Ethel Merritt Dixon)
Extent:	24 Photographic prints
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of photographic images of the Northern Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne) community near Lama Deer, Montana in 1900.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by Ethel Merritt Dixon in 1953.

Processing Information

Processed by Nathan Sowry, Reference Archivist, in 2023.

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Biographical / Historical

Ethel Adams Merritt was born in Camden, New Jersey, in 1873. She married Herbert Sidney Dixon in 1902 in Brooklyn, New York. Although a resident of New York City for most of her life, in 1900 she traveled to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana, and photographed life there. More than fifty years later, in 1953, Ethel Merritt Dixon donated this photograph collection to the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, later to become the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

Content Description

The Northern Cheyenne photograph collection consists of 24 photographic images of members of the Northern Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne) community near Lama Deer, Montana. These photographs were taken in 1900 by Ethel Merritt Dixon, and depict agency buildings, ration day, a trader's store, and groups and individuals going about their daily lives on the reservation.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into folders.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Northern Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Cultures:

Northern Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)