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Josephine Sloan Armstrong family photographs

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Museum of the American Indian
<b>Title:</b>	Josephine Sloan Armstrong family photographs
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1908-1920
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAI.AC.278
<b>Creator:</b>	Armstrong, Josephine Sloan (Collector)
<b>Extent:</b>	4 Photographic prints
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection contains 4 photographs that depict Josephine Sloan Armstrong (Minnesota Chippewa [White Earth, Minnesota]) and her family circa 1908-1920.
<b>Container:</b>	Photo-folder 1

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Gift of Theresa L. Connor in Memory of Rose Marie Armstrong in 2008.

### Separated Materials

The photographs in this collection were donated along with a Jingle dress made by Josephine Sloan Armstrong (NMAI object # 26/6690).

### Processing Information

This collection was processed by Emily Moazami, Assistant Head Archivist, 2018.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Josephine Sloan Armstrong family photographs, NMAI.AC.278; National Museum of the American Indian Archive Center, Smithsonian Institution.

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## Biographical / Historical

Josephine Sloan Armstrong (White Earth Band of Minnesota Ojibwe) was born on November 27th, 1888 to William Sloan and Charlotte Brunette. She married Benjamin Henry Armstrong in 1906 and they had eleven children George (born 1907), Anne (born 1908), Thomas Walter (born 1913), Mildred (born 1915), Everett (born 1918), Benjamin (born 1919), Lucille (born 1921), Dorothy (born 1922), and James (born 1927). Two of her eleven children died in early childhood; Earl died in 1910 and Joseph in 1921.

Around the time of her birth, Josephine's father William Sloan owned a land allotment in Wisconsin. The Sloan family later relocated to Northern Minnesota. There, Josephine and her two sisters Anne and Georgette opened a dry goods store and taught local children to read and write. The family eventually sold a portion of their land to the U.S. Government to establish the Chippewa National Forest. Josephine made dresses, which were passed down through her family and worn to many Pow-wows. NMAI now holds the dress in its collection (object 26/6690). Josephine died January 5, 1939 at Cass Lake, Minnesota.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains 4 photographs that depict Josephine Sloan Armstrong (Minnesota Chippewa [White Earth, Minnesota]) and her family circa 1908-1920. The photographs were shot at Lake Winnibigoshish and include depictions of Josephine, Josephine's father William (Bill) Sloan, her mother Charlotte Brunette, her sister Annie Sloan, and her son Thomas Walter (Danny Boy Armstrong). One photograph depicts a group at Leech Lake in Minnesota.

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 1 folder.

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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:

Indians of North America -- Minnesota  
Minnesota Chippewa [White Earth, Minnesota]

Cultures:

Minnesota Chippewa [White Earth, Minnesota]

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## Container Listing

Photo-folder 1	<p><a href="#">The Sloan sisters, circa 1908-1912</a> 1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Portrait of Josephine Sloan and her sister Annie Sloan circa 1908-1912. The caption on the back of the photograph reads, "The Sloan sisters in their early 20s. Josephine Sloan and Annie Sloan."</p> <p>Culture: Minnesota Chippewa [White Earth, Minnesota]</p>
Photo-folder 1	<p><a href="#">Sloan family photo, circa 1919-1920</a> 1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Photograph depicting the Sloan family holding caught fish at a cabin at Lake Winnibigoshish, circa 1919-1920. They are from left to right, William Sloan, Josephine Sloan Armstrong, Annie Sloan, Charlotte Sloan. The caption on the back of the photo reads, "Grandpa Wm Bill Sloan, Annie Sloan, Josephine Sloan Armstrong, Grandma Charlotte Sloan / Taken at cabin at Lake Winnebegosh [sic] 1919 or 1920's."</p> <p>Culture: Minnesota Chippewa [White Earth, Minnesota]</p>
Photo-folder 1	<p><a href="#">Sloan family photo, circa 1919-1920</a> 1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Photograph depicting the Sloan family holding caught fish at a cabin at Lake Winnibigoshish, circa 1919-1920. They are from left to right, William Sloan, Thomas Walter Armstrong, Charlotte Sloan. The caption on the back of the photo reads, "Grandpa Bill Sloan, Thomas Walter (Daddy Boy) Armstrong, Grandma Sloan / Taken at cabin at Lake Winnebegosh [sic] 1919 or 1920's."</p> <p>Culture: Minnesota Chippewa [White Earth, Minnesota]</p>
Photo-folder 1	<p><a href="#">Group at Leech Lake, circa 1908-1920</a></p> <p>Notes: Photograph depicting men from the Minnesota Chippewa [White Earth, Minnesota] tribe at Leech Lake, Minnesota, circa 1908-1920. The handwritten caption on the back of the photo reads, "Leech Lake."</p> <p>Culture: Minnesota Chippewa [White Earth, Minnesota]</p>