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## Chief Clinton Rickard photographs

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Museum of the American Indian
<b>Title:</b>	Chief Clinton Rickard photographs
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1928-1929
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAI.AC.283
<b>Creator:</b>	Rickard, Clinton, 1882-1971
<b>Extent:</b>	3 Photographic prints
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Three photographic prints of Tuscarora chief Clinton Rickard taken around 1928-1929.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Gift of Chief Clinton Rickard, 1939.

### Processing Information

Processed by Rachel Menyuk, Processing Archivist, 2024.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Clinton Rickard (1882–1971) was a Tuscarora chief known for founding the Indian Defense League of America (IDLA), and for promoting Native American sovereignty. He worked for free passage of Native Americans across the US–Canada border, and to prevent the flooding of the Tuscarora Reservation.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection includes three black and white silver gelatin photographic prints (P14081-P148083) featuring Tuscarora Chief Clinton Rickard. P14081 is from July 1928 and is a view of the Indian Defense League of America delegation crossing International (or Honeymoon or Falls View) Bridge at Niagara Falls, at the first annual celebration of border crossing privileges to all Indians. P14082 displays a delegation to Governor Roosevelt in Albany, New York, circa 1929. P140183 is a view of Chief Clinton Rickard showing off a wampum belt. Likely made around the same time, circa 1929.

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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:

Delegations  
Tuscarora

Cultures:

Tuscarora

Types of Materials:

Photographic prints

Names:

Indian Defense League of America

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## Container Listing

- Photo-folder 1      P14081: [Indian Defense League of America delegation, 1928 July 14](#)  
1 Photographic print  
Notes:              Indian Defense League of America delegations from various Nations crossing International (or Honeymoon or Falls View) Bridge, Niagara Falls, at first annual celebration of border crossing privileges to all Indians. Clinton Rickard is fifth from the left.
- Names:              Rickard, Clinton, 1882-1971  
Indian Defense League of America
- Culture:              Tuscarora
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- Photo-folder 1      P14082: [Delegation to Albany, New York, circa 1929](#)  
1 Photographic print  
Notes:              Group portrait of a delegation to Governor Roosevelt in Albany, New York. Chief Clinton Rickard (Tuscarora) is standing third from left. Chief Clinton Rickard wears the same outfit in P14083.
- Names:              Rickard, Clinton, 1882-1971
- Culture:              Tuscarora
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- Photo-folder 1      P14083: [Chief Clinton Rickard with wampum belts, circa 1929](#)  
1 Photographic print  
Notes:              View of Tuscarora chief, Clinton Rickard standing alongside four wampum belts displayed outdoors. He is wearing the same outfit as in P14082, which was taken during a delegation trip to Governor Roosevelt in Albany, New York, circa 1929. It is possible this photograph was made at the same time.
- Names:              Rickard, Clinton, 1882-1971
- Culture:              Tuscarora