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Anna M. Schein photographs of Chief
Jake Swamp's Tree Planting Ceremonies

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Anna M. Schein photographs of Chief Jake Swamp's Tree Planting Ceremonies
Date:	1992-1996
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.337
Creator:	Schein, Anna M. (Photographer)
Extent:	132 Photographs
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection contains photographs shot by Anna M. Schein depicting three tree-planting ceremonies of Chief Jake Swamp (Mohawk), 1992-1996. Photographs were shot in Cooperstown and Syracuse, New York and Morgantown, West Virginia.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Museum Purchase from Anna M. Schein, 1998.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Emily Moazami, Supervisory Archivist, 2023.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Anna M. Schein photographs of Chief Jake Swamp's Tree Planting Ceremonies, image #, [COLLECTION NUMBER]; National Museum of the American Indian Archives Center, Smithsonian Institution.

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Biographical / Historical

Chief Jake Swamp (Tekaronianeken) was a founder of the Tree of Peace Society, an international organization promoting peace and conservation. Chief Swamp delivered the Thanksgiving Address throughout the world, as well as at the United Nations. He was born on the Akwesasne Mohawk Reservation in upstate New York, and lived in Hogansburg, NY where he worked as a cultural adviser for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Child and Family Services. Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message was his first picture book. He passed away in October 2010. (Biography from Bookshop.org)

Anna M. Schein has worked at the West Virginia University in various capacities including Head of Serials Department, Charles C. Wise, Jr. Library and the Associate Curator for Printed Ephemera and University Librarian Emerita.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 132 photographs shot by Anna M. Schein depicting three tree-planting ceremonies of Chief Jake Swamp (Mohawk), 1992-1996. Chief Swamp was the founder of the Tree of Peace Society, an international organization promoting peace and conservation.

Series 1: New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown, New York, July 8, 1995. Series 2: Syracuse University, New York, April 21, 1996. Series 3: West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, 1992 and 1996.

The collection contains detailed image lists and information about the tree planting ceremonies.

Arrangement

Collection arranged by event and photo # order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Mohawk

Cultures:

Mohawk

Container Listing

Series 1: New York State Historical Association Tree Planting Ceremony, July 8, 1995

Photo-folder 1-4

Scope and P23710-P23794

Contents: This series contains photographs from the New York State Historical Association tree planting ceremony with Chief Jake Swamp (Mohawk) on July 8, 1995. The ceremony was in honor of the opening of the Eugene and Clare Thaw collection of the American Indian Art, American Indian Wing, Fennimore House Museum in Cooperstown, New York. Photographs by Anna M. Schein.

Culture: Mohawk

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Series 2: Syracuse University Tree Planting Ceremony, April 21, 1996

Photo-folder 5-6

Scope and P23795-P23812

Contents: This series contains photographs of a tree planting ceremony conducted by Chief Jake Swamp (Mohawk) on April 21, 1996. The event was for the Centennial Celebration of the Department of Religion, Syracuse University. Photographs by Anna M. Schein.

Culture: Mohawk

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Series 3: West Virginia University Tree Planting Ceremonies, 1992, 1996

Photo-folder 7-10

Scope and Contents: This series contains three tree events held at West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV in 1992 and 1996. Photographs shot by Anna M. Schein.

P23813-P23820: The first event was held on September 12, 1992 and depicts Leon Shenandoah (Presiding Moderator of the Haudenosaunee Iroquois Six Nations Confederacy) planting a Peace Tree.

P23821-P23823: The second set of photographs were shot on August 8, 1996 and documents the remnants of the Peace Tree that Shenandoah planted in 1992. Seventeen days after Shenandoah died on July 22, 1996, the tree was cut down by an act of vandalism.

P23825-P23841: The third set of photographs were shot on October 19, 1996 and depict Chief Jake Swamp (Mohawk) conducting a new tree planting ceremony just a few feet away from the original Peace Tree to symbolize the indestructibility of the power of peace.

Culture: Mohawk

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