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Bertha Gritzner collection of Fair
of the Iron Horse photographs

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Bertha Gritzner collection of Fair of the Iron Horse photographs
Date:	September 24 - October 8, 1927
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.349
Creator:	Gritzner, Bertha (Collector)
Extent:	6 Gelatin silver prints
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection contains 6 snapshot photographs depicting Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Chiefs participating in the Fair of the Iron Horse held at Halethorpe, Baltimore County, Maryland in 1927. The photographs in this collection were owned by Bertha Gritzner, who attended the fair and may depicted in the images.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift of Jean Stitzel, 2001.

Related Materials

The Maryland Historical Society and the Library of Congress also hold materials related to the Fair of the Iron Horse.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Emily Moazami, Supervisory Archivist, 2020.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The Fair of the Iron Horse celebrated the 100-year anniversary of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Held in Halethorpe, Baltimore County, Maryland from September 24 to October 8, 1927, the Fair was advertised as a miniature World's Fair and featured a fairground, pageant, and exhibits. Members of the Blackfeet Nation in Montana traveled to Maryland for the Fair and marched in the pageant highlighting the history of inland transportation.

The photographs in this collection were owned by Bertha Gritzner, who attended the fair and may be depicted in the images. The photographs were donated by her granddaughter Jean Stitzel in 2001.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 6 snapshot gelatin silver prints depicting scenes at the Fair of the Iron Horse held at Halethorpe, Baltimore County, Maryland. The Fair was held from September 24 to October 8, 1927 in honor of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's centennial. The photographs depict Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Chiefs posing at the fair along with unidentified individuals. The photographs were originally owned by Bertha Gritzner, who may be depicted in the photographs.

Chief Two Guns White Calf is featured in two photographs.

Arrangement

Photographs arranged in a folder by image number.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Fair of the Iron Horse (1927 : Halethorpe, Md.)
- Photograph
- Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan)

Cultures:

- Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan)

Names:

- Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company

Places:

- Maryland -- Baltimore County

Container Listing

Photo-folder 1	<p>P26716: Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Chief and Group, 1927 1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Photograph depicting a group of unidentified women posing with a Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Chief at the Fair of the Iron Horse held at Halethorpe, Baltimore County, Maryland from September 24 to October 8, 1927. One of the women may be Bertha Gritzner who attended the Fair and originally owned the photograph.</p> <p>Culture: Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Topic: Fair of the Iron Horse (1927 : Halethorpe, Md.)</p>
Photo-folder 1	<p>P26717: Chief Two Guns White Calf and Woman, 1927 1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Chief Two Guns White Calf [Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan)] and an unidentified woman standing for portrait at Fair of the Iron Horse held at Halethorpe, Baltimore County, Maryland from September 24 to October 8, 1927. The woman may be Bertha Gritzner who attended the Fair and originally owned the photograph.</p> <p>Culture: Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Topic: Fair of the Iron Horse (1927 : Halethorpe, Md.)</p>
Photo-folder 1	<p>P26718: Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Chief and Group, 1927 1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Photograph depicting a group of unidentified women posing with a Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Chief at the Fair of the Iron Horse held at Halethorpe, Baltimore County, Maryland from September 24 to October 8, 1927. One of the women may be Bertha Gritzner who attended the Fair and originally owned the photograph.</p> <p>Culture: Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Topic: Fair of the Iron Horse (1927 : Halethorpe, Md.)</p>
Photo-folder 1	<p>P26719: Chief Two Guns White Calf Man, 1927 1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Photograph depicting Chief Two Guns White Calf Man [Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan)] posing in front of a tipi at the Fair of the Iron Horse held at Halethorpe, Baltimore County, Maryland from September 24 to October 8, 1927.</p> <p>Culture: Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Topic: Fair of the Iron Horse (1927 : Halethorpe, Md.)</p>
Photo-folder 1	<p>P26720: Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Chief and Group, 1927 1 Photographic print</p> <p>Notes: Photograph depicting a group of unidentified women posing with a Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Chief at the Fair of the Iron Horse held at Halethorpe, Baltimore County, Maryland from September 24 to October 8, 1927. One of the women may be Bertha Gritzner who attended the Fair and originally owned the photograph.</p>

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Photo-folder 1

P26721: [Pikuni Blackfeet \(Piegan\) Chief and Woman, 1927](#)

1 Photographic print

Notes: Photograph depicting a women posing with a Pikuni Blackfeet (Piegan) Chief at the Fair of the Iron Horse held at Halethorpe, Baltimore County, Maryland from September 24 to October 8, 1927. The woman may be Bertha Gritzner who attended the Fair and originally owned the photograph.

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Topic: Fair of the Iron Horse (1927 : Halethorpe, Md.)