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Robert M. Gerstmann photographs from Bolivia

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Museum of the American Indian |
| Title: | Robert M. Gerstmann photographs from Bolivia |
| Date: | Circa 1928 |
| Identifier: | NMAI.AC.357 |
| Creator: | Gerstmann, Robert M. (1896-1960) |
| Extent: | 6 Photographic prints |
| Language: | English . |
| Summary: | This collection includes six photographs taken by Robert M. Gerstmann in La Paz, Bolivia. |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift of Helen Iversen, 1996.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Mattie Lewis, Archives Technician in 2025.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Robert M. Gerstmann (1896-1960) was a German photographer. He moved to Chile around 1924 and worked for Mauricio Hochschild, a tin mine owner, taking photographs of the operation. He traveled throughout South America taking pictures of people and scenery, particularly Bolivia, Chile, and Peru. Gerstmann published multiple books of his photographs in the 1950's and had his work published in National Geographic.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains six oversize black and white photographs taken by Robert M. Gerstmann while in Bolivia. Image numbers P28163 - P28168.

Arrangement

Arranged by catalog number.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aymara
Quechua

Cultures:

Aymara
Quechua

Container Listing

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| Oversize B32 | P28163: P28163, Circa 1928 1 Photographic print Notes: Portrait of a man in profile, head and shoulders, outdoors; wearing hat and woven textiles. "Tipo Aywara" is written on the back. |
| Oversize B32 | P28164: P28164, Circa 1928 1 Photographic print Notes: Portrait of man, facing front, head and shoulders, outdoors; wearing hat and woven textiles. "Tipo Aymara" is written on the back. |
| Oversize B32 | P28165: P28165, Circa 1928 1 Photographic print Notes: Portrait of man, head and shoulders, outdoors; wearing hat with a brim and woven textiles. "Tipo Khechua, Potosi" is written on the back. |
| Oversize B32 | P28166: P28166, Circa 1928 1 Photographic print Notes: Portrait of man in profile, head and shoulders, outdoors; wearing hat and woven textiles. "Tipo Khechua, Potosi" is written on the back. |
| Oversize B32 | P28167: P28167, Circa 1928 1 Photographic print Notes: Landscape, aerial view of town in valley with mountains in background. La Paz. |
| Oversize B32 | P28168: P28168, Circa 1928 1 Photographic print Notes: Landscape view of lake over houses on shore. Lago Titicaca. |