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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Rita Rencis postcard collection
Date:	1890-1921
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.365
Creator:	Rencis, Rita
Extent:	9 Photographic postcards
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection includes nine postcards of Native Americans collected in 1921.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift of Rita Rencis, 2005.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Mattie Lewis, Archives Technician in 2025.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains three black and white and six color postcards collected circa 1921. The images depicted were taken among the Hopi Pueblo, California, Kewa (Santo Domingo), A:shiwi (Zuni), and Acoma Pueblo communities. Image numbers P29438-P29446.

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:

- A:shiwi (Zuni)
- Acoma Pueblo
- California
- Hopi Pueblo
- Kewa (Santo Domingo Pueblo)

Cultures:

- A:shiwi (Zuni)
- Acoma Pueblo
- California
- Hopi Pueblo
- Kewa (Santo Domingo Pueblo)

Container Listing

Photo-folder 1	P29438: Salt River, Circa 1921 1 Photographic postcard Notes: One black and white postcard of a wide view over a waterway. The front says "Salt River. Salt River Valley AZ Miller Sterling Co."
Photo-folder 1	P29439: Carmel Mission, Circa 1921 1 Photographic postcard Notes: One black and white postcard published by Edward H. Mitchell. The front says "231-Carmel Mission-founded 1770, Monterey Co., California."
Photo-folder 1	P29440: Carmel Mission, side view, 1921 1 Postcard Notes: One black and white postcard published by Edward H. Mitchell. The front says "Mission Carmel - Founded 1771, 144."
Photo-folder 1	P29441: Ramona's home, Circa 1921 1 Photographic postcard Notes: One color postcard published by Eno and Matteson, San Diego, California. The front says "4370. Inner Court of Ramona's Home, San Diego, Calif."
Photo-folder 1	P29442: Pueblo of Santo Domingo church, 1921 1 Postcard Notes: One color postcard photographed by Fred Harvey. The front says "12953, the church at Pueblo of Santo Domingo NM as seen from the train, Copyright 1908 by Fred Harvey."
Photo-folder 1	P29443: Harvest Dance, Circa 1921 1 Photographic postcard Notes: One color postcard photographed by Detroit Photographic Co. The front says "11249 Hopi Harvest Dance."
Photo-folder 1	P29444: Mesa Encantada, Circa 1900 1 Postcard Notes: One color postcard photographed by Detroit Photographic Co. The front says "5509. Pueblo of Acoma and Mesa Encantada NM. Phostint card."
Photo-folder 1	P29445: Santo Domingo streets, 1909 1 Postcard Notes: One color postcard photographed by Fred Harvey. The front says "12961 A street in Santo Domingo, NM. PHOSTINT CARD Detroit Publishing Co."
Photo-folder 1	P29446: Wewha, Circa 1890

1 Postcard

Notes:

One color postcard photographed by Fred Harvey. Front says "Pueblo girl weaving a sash." The person featured is Wewha (We'wha or We-Wa), a Ihamana individual considered one fo the best Zuni potters in the late 19th century.