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## Joseph C. Park collection of lantern slides

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Museum of the American Indian
<b>Title:</b>	Joseph C. Park collection of lantern slides
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAI.AC.387
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1880-1901
<b>Extent:</b>	31 Lantern slides 1 Poster
<b>Creator:</b>	Park, Joseph C., 1872-
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The Joseph C. Park collection of lantern slides contains 31 lantern slides and 1 poster that were used by Joseph C. Park for his lectures on Indians of North America. Park was the Principal of the Cherokee Baptist Academy located at Tahlequah Indian Territory (today Oklahoma) from 1896 to 1901.
<b>Container:</b>	Box 1
<b>Container:</b>	Map-case 13

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Gift of Donald Weber, 2019.

### Processing Information

Processed by Emily Moazami, Assistant Head Archivist, 2019.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Joseph C. Park collection of lantern slides, NMAI.AC.387; National Museum of the American Indian Archives Center, Smithsonian Institution

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## Biographical / Historical

Joseph Charles Park was born in Big Flats, New York in 1872 and went on to graduate from Cornell University and Syracuse University. From 1896 to 1901, Park served as the principal of the Cherokee Baptist Academy. This Indian boarding and day school was located on a 160-acre farm in Tahlequah, Indian Territory (today Oklahoma) and was run by the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains 31 lantern slides and 1 poster that were used by Joseph C. Park for his lectures on Indians of North America. Park was the Principal of the Cherokee Baptist Academy located at Tahlequah Indian Territory (today Oklahoma) from 1896 to 1901.

The lantern slides depict Cherokee Baptist Academy students including the 1899 football team; female seminary building in Tahlequah; as well as the gallows (for public hangings) at Tahlequah. Other lantern slides depict portraits of Set-Imkia, also known as Stumbling Bear (Kiowa Chief); Sitting Bull (Lakota); Pe-ji (Grass Blackbear); A.L. Lacie and Wolf Coon; a Wahpetonwan Dakota (Wahpeton Sioux) man with an amputated leg; a Paiute man; a Cheyenne boy; Dr. J. S. Murrow, and General George Armstrong Custer.

A few lantern slides depict drawings such as the capture and death of Sitting Bull; the battle of Big Horn and Custer's last charge; and a drawing depicting an Indian burial (restricted). Several lantern slides also depict wigwam or wickiup structures and scenes in Alaska including totem poles.

Some slides were produced by the American Museum of Natural History in New York and Kurz and Allison, Pub. in Chicago.

The poster depicts a photo of Joseph C. Park and reads, "Illustrated lecture / Joseph C. Park / Subjects 1. The Indians of North America / Illustrated by beautiful calcium light views. Many of these pictures were taken from life by the lecturer during his sojourn among the Indians in Indian Territory. 2. The life of our Savior, or Jesus, the Nazarine / Illustrated by beautiful calcium light views taken from the world's greatest paintings. / Mr. Park was Principal of Cherokee Baptist Academy, a large Indian School located at Tahlequah, Ind. Ter., for a period of five years. He has made an extended study of the "Indian Problem" and comes highly recommended as a lecturer."

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject matter.

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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:

- Cherokee
- Indians of North America -- Cultural assimilation
- Indians of North America -- Education
- Kiowa

Cultures:

- Cherokee
- Kiowa

Geographic Names:

- Indian Territory (U.S.A)