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Charles G. Schoewe collection
of Potawatomi tintypes

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Charles G. Schoewe collection of Potawatomi tintypes
Date:	circa 1875-1895
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.406
Creator:	Schoewe, Charles G. (Collector)
Extent:	2 Tintypes (prints)
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable .
Summary:	This collection consists of 2 tintypes collected by Charles G. Schoewe that depict Potawatomi men from Wisconsin.
Digital Content:	Video: Charles G. Schoewe collection of Potawatomi tintypes

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift of Charles Schoewe to the Museum of the American Indian in 1933.

Processing Information

Collection Processed by Emily Moazami, Supervisory Archivist, 2020.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Charles G. Schoewe collection of Potawatomi tintypes, image #, NMAI.AC.406; National Museum of the American Indian Archives Center, Smithsonian Institution.

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Biographical / Historical

Charles Gustav Schoewe was born on September 13, 1887 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He worked for Middleton Manufacturing Company where he served as a salesman and later a manager. His family included his wife Blanche and his children Jean and William. Schoewe died on November 14, 1970.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 2 tintypes collected by Charles G. Schoewe that depict Potawatomi men from Wisconsin. One tintype depicts Bill Shopodock (1845-1925) circa 1875-1885. The other tintype depicts two men possibly Jim Anishinaba and John Sanko circa 1880-1895. The photographers for these images are unknown.

Arrangement

Arranged by catalog number. The tintypes are stored in 2 archival phase boxes.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Photographs
Potawatomi [Forest County, Wisconsin]

Cultures:

Potawatomi [Forest County, Wisconsin]

Types of Materials:

Tintypes (prints)

Places:

Wisconsin

Container Listing

P10526: [Tintype of Jim Ohneshnabia and John Sanko \(Potawatomi\), circa 1880-1895](#)

1 Tintype

Notes: Tintype circa 1880-1895 depicting two men posing in front of a studio backdrop. One man is listed as Jim Ohneshnabia from Blackwell in the museum's catalog record. This may possibly be Jim Anishinaba who as listed in the 1921 Indian Census Rolls for Potawatomi Indians at Laona Agency in Wisconsin. According to that census, Jim was born 1845 and had a wife Miaotinock (born 1860) and son Charles (born 1892). The 1927 Indian Census Roll indicates that Jim died on October 6, 1926.

The other man depicted in the tintype is listed in the museum's catalog records as John Sanko of Stone Lake. An alternate spelling may be John Sonco. There was a Kansas Potawatomi individual with this name listed in the 1937 Indian Census Rolls for Potawatomi at Laona Agency in Wisconsin, however given his birth date of 1899, it is most likely too late to be the individual depicted in this image. Sonco may however be an alternative spelling for the family name.

Culture: Potawatomi [Forest County, Wisconsin]

P10527: [Tintype of Bill Shopodock \(Potawatomi\), circa 1875-1885](#)

1 Tintypes (prints)

Notes: This tintype shot circa 1875-1885 depicts Bill Shopodock (Potawatomi) sitting for his portrait wearing a jacket with fur trim and a bowler hat with two feathers. The 1910 census for Wabeno, Forest, Wisconsin lists Shopodock's birth date as circa 1840 and his occupation as a foreman on a farm. It also notes that he was married for 45 years. According to the 1926 Indian Census Rolls for Potawatomi at the Laona Agency, William Shopodock was born in 1845 and died on August 22, 1925. The 1880 census for Waupaca, Wisconsin, the family name is spelled Chabodoc. The original museum catalog records for the tintype listed his last name as Schobedock, which may be another alternate spelling.

According to the publication *The Shopodocks: a Potawatomi Indian story* by Delores Zillmer Miller, Bill Shopodock also went by the name Soc-qua. His father was Che-pau-dack (Sam Wapuka or Chief Waupaca) and his siblings were Kik-a-pa, Che-wan, Joseph and John. They lived in Dupont Township, Waupaca County, Wisconsin in the 1870s, where this tintype may have been shot.

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