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circa 1938-1980 and undated

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Motion Pictures and Videotapes
Identifier:	Record Unit 395
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Language:	English

Administrative Information

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Access Restriction

Only selected motion pictures were copied to videotape for preservation purposes and are available for viewing by researchers.

Descriptive Entry

This collection consists of motion pictures taken by veterinarians, keepers, directors, and other staff at the National Zoological Park (NZN) for research and documentation purposes. These motion pictures, along with footage shot for television news and other programs, were kept by the Office of Education as part of their mission to disseminate information to the public.

The motion pictures depict the medical treatment, transport, feeding, and behavior of animals at NZN and other zoological parks; the activities of keepers and other zoo personnel; animal collecting expeditions and visits to foreign zoos by Lucile Q. Mann and William M. Mann; and animal-related events at NZN. Also included is a reel-to-reel videotape on giant panda social and reproductive development, and a microfilmed report concerning the expansion of NZN. Films marked with an asterisk have been transferred to videotape and are available for viewing by researchers

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Giant panda
Scientific expeditions
Zoo animals
Zoo exhibits
Zoos
Zoos -- Educational aspects

Types of Materials:

Motion pictures (visual works)
Videotapes

Names:

Mann, Lucile Quarry, 1897-1986
Mann, William M., 1886-1960

Container Listing

Box 1

VHS Videotapes of Films (Reference Copies) - Numbers in Bold Correspond with the Videotape Player Counter

Box 1 of 6

Videotape 1

Note:

- 1938 - Iceland, Russia - Dr. and Mrs. Mann's trip to visit zoos in Europe and the Soviet Union. Silent, b&w and color, 1500 feet, 41.7 minutes

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Videotape 2

[Digital Content: Easter Monday Video Clip](#)

[Digital Content: Presentation of White Tiger to President Eisenhower Video Clip](#)

Note:

- **000**: 1939 - Dr. Mann - South American trip with Mrs. Mann to Brazil and Argentina to collect animals for the zoo: lake, possums, skunks, hippo, wild boar, view from a train. Silent, b&w and color, 275 feet, 7.6 minutes
- **378**: 1941 - Dr. Mann - NZP pictures: German shepherd, William H. Blackburne, variety of animals: bison, Nile hippo, etc., policeman with young boys. Silent, 250 feet, 6.9 minutes
- **658**: 1942 - Dr. Mann - Easter Monday at NZP. Silent, 200 feet, 5.6 minutes
- **880**: c. 1949 - Montage - Dr. Mann's footage of hippo transfer; penguins in outdoor pond being fed, swans in same pond, longhorn cattle, prairie dogs, turtles, fish - moray eel?; 1949 - Bobette (tiger cub) in the Mann's apartment, fed from bottle by Lucile Mann, petted by Dr. Mann. Interior of Elephant House - Rhinos, elephants, giraffes; 1959 - Footage from British Guiana (see #B Montage) - Birds on riverbank, man taking photographs from boat, boys fishing with nets, boats moored on riverbank, boy on horse, Margaret A. Grimmer taking photos. Silent, 800 feet, 22.2 minutes
- **1645**: 1959 - Turnover of American bald eagle to the Manila Zoo, August 17, 1959 (b&w); 1943 - Dr. Mann's circus and NZP footage: Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey - Unloading animals from train, Nile hippo at NZP, circus ticket booth, inside big top at circus, outside shots of performers preparing,

roustabouts driving in tent stakes, trucks with equipment arriving. Silent, b&w and color, 300 feet, 8.3 minutes

- **1976:** 1959 - Zoo film: Driving up to NZP entrance, driving around NZP - Various buildings shown, Holt House - Director's Office with Dr. Theodore H. Reed coming out of the door. Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes
- **2035:** 1960 - Presentation of white tiger to President Eisenhower. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes

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Videotape 3

Note:

- **000:** 1960 - Veterinarian: Treatment of animals with dart gun - Antelope, lion, tiger, Himalayan bear, Nile hippos (treated by Dr. Wright), jaguar, eland. Silent, 400 feet, 11.1 minutes
- **455:** 1973 - Pandas, June 1973 - Ceremony. Silent, 250 feet, 6.9 minutes
- **685:** 1973 - Pandas' first day in new pen, November 19, 1973. Silent, 272 feet, 7.6 minutes

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* 1943 - Dr. Mann's circus footage. (See 1959 turnover of American bald eagle)

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1958 - Snow leopard baby playing outside with Bert Barker. Silent, 200 feet, 5.6 minutes

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1958 - Moving alligators. Silent, 350 feet, 9.7 minutes

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* 1959 - Zoo film: Driving up to NZP entrance, driving around NZP - Various buildings shown, Holt House - Director's Office with Dr. Theodore H. Reed coming out of the door. Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes

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* 1960 - Veterinarian: treatment of animals with dart gun - Antelope, lion, tiger, Himalayan bear, Nile hippos (treated by Dr. Wright), jaguar, eland. Silent, 400 feet, 11.1 minutes

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1961 - Barbary apes, baby also, NZP. In outdoor cages. Silent, 150 feet, 4.2 minutes

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1963 - Keepers preparing pygmy hippo for oral surgery. Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes

- Box 1 of 6 1963 - Continuation of pygmy hippo surgery; macaque in outdoor enclosure with baby and other monkeys. Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes
- Box 1 of 6 1963 - Pygmy hippo and baby, Nikumba (gorilla) coming down off overhead pipe. Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes
- Box 1 of 6 1963 - Nikumba (gorilla) when paralyzed (all dark except for two sequences). Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes
- Box 1 of 6 1963 - Nikumba (gorilla) when paralyzed - Lying in cage (dark at beginning). Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes
- Box 1 of 6 1964 - "Snakes and Snakebite:" Indian (?) zoo (not NZP) - Man catching snakes and collecting venom; 1961-1962 - Various snakes and reptiles; Undated - "First Aid Treatment for Snake Bites," (b&w), produced by Hill Films with the cooperation of E.D.; Bullard Co., San Francisco - New York; 1965 - "Killing the Killer," (b&w), mongoose vs. cobra, produced by Ufa. Silent, 400 feet, 11.1 minutes
- Box 1 of 6 1966 - Loo-Seal the seal's first swimming lesson. Silent, color and b&w - some of b&w is negative film. 250 feet, 6.9 minutes
- Box 1 of 6 1967 - Baby rhino, WTTG Channel 5, September 5, 1967. Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes
- Box 1 of 6 * 1973 - Pandas, June 1973 - Ceremony. Silent, 250 feet, 6.9 minutes
- Box 1 of 6 * 1973 - Pandas' first day in new pen, November 19, 1973. Silent, 272 feet, 7.6 minutes
- Box 1 of 6 1980 - "Changes: The Story of Evolution and Speciation" - Animation. Directors: Stefan Janik and Karen Loveland. Conceived and written by: Dale Marcellini, Judith White, and Benjamin Lawless. Art and animation: Stefan Janik. Narration: Larry Lewman. Filmed at: Film Polski, Studio Miniatur Filmowych, Warsaw, Poland. Produced for the Office of Education and Information, National Zoological Park, Smithsonian Institution, by the Motion Picture Unit, Office of Exhibits Central, Smithsonian Institution. Sound, 300 feet, 8.3 minutes
- 3/4" U-matic Videotape
- Box 1 of 6 1938 - Dr. and Mrs. Mann's trips to Iceland, Russia, and to visit zoos in Europe
- Box 1 of 6 1939 - Dr. and Mrs. Mann's trip to Brazil and Argentina to collect Animals for NZP

Box 2

16mm Film

- Box 2 of 6 1952 - Baby giraffe. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1955 - Bears and ostrich. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1956 - Brown bear. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1958 - Birth of chimpanzee Donnie. Jiggs and Maggie shown also. Silent, 75 feet, 2.1 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1958 - White rhinos, baby giraffe. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1959 - Niset baby and hippo baby, lion cubs. Silent, 150 feet, 4.2 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 * 1960 - Presentation of white tiger to President Eisenhower. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1960 - Three-toed sloth from British Guyana, November 1960. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1960 - Paris shipment from Andrews Air Force Base. Silent, 75 feet, 2.1 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 c. 1960 - Pygmy hippo giving birth with help of NZP keepers. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1961 - Serval cub, June 1961. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1962 - Sick Barbary apes in Veterinarian's Hospital with J. Lear Grimmer and Bert J. Barker, March 1962. Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1968 - Indian one-horned rhinos, 2 reels - One reel includes Dr. Reed watching them with camera. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1968 - Indian one-horned rhinos - Includes rhino exhibit sign. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1968 - Elephants and Indian one-horned rhinos. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 2 of 6 1973 - From "Window on Washington" - pandas, June 27, 1973. Sound, 100 feet, 2.7 minutes

- Box 2 of 6 1979 - "Romper Room" panda sequence. Sound during "Romper Room" credits, silent during panda footage, 155 feet.
- 3/4" U-matic Videotape
- Box 2 of 6 1941 - Dr. Mann's NZP footage, including William H. Blackburne, various NZP animals
- Box 2 of 6 1942 - Easter Sunday at the National Zoological Park
- Box 2 of 6 c. 1949 - Montage including hippo transfer, various NZP animals, Bobette (tiger cub) fed by Mrs. Mann; 1959 - British Guyana footage
- Box 2 of 6 1959 - American Bald Eagle to Manila Zoo; 1943 - Dr. Mann's circus footage
- Box 2 of 6 1959 - Driving tour of NZP
[Digital Content](#)
- Box 2 of 6 1960 - Presentation of white tiger to President Eisenhower at the White House
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- 16mm Film
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- Box 3 of 6 * 1942 - Dr. Mann - Easter Monday at NZP. Silent, 200 feet, 5.6 minutes
- Box 3 of 6 * 1954 - Cobra hatching from egg - Out take from Montage A. Silent, 2 feet, .05 minute
- Box 3 of 6 1958 - Cleaning of waterfowl ponds. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 3 of 6 * 1943 - Dr. Mann's circus and NZP footage: Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey unloading animals from train, Nile hippo at NZP, circus ticket booth, inside big top at circus, outside shots of performers preparing, roustabouts driving in tent stakes, trucks with equipment arriving. Silent, b&w and color, 300 feet, 8.3 minutes

- Box 3 of 6 1961 - Deer (white, fallow, and others) gaur, cattle, pedro (sp?), baboons, crocodile taken into Veterinarian Hospital. First part in Smithfield, VA. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 3 of 6 1962 - Black-crested mangabeys, January 1962. Two reels. Silent, 50 and 100 feet, 1.4 minutes and 2.8 minutes
- Box 3 of 6 1963 - Kobe Oji Zoo (Japan) - Birth of black rhino, courtesy of NHK. Silent, b&w, 175 feet, 4.9 minutes
- Box 3 of 6 1963 - Pygmy hippo and baby, August 1963. Three reels, all Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes
- Box 3 of 6 1963 - Tapir in pond. Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes
- Box 3 of 6 1963 - Nikumba (gorilla) walks. Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes
- Box 3 of 6 1966 - Montage: Kangaroos, white tiger, man with baby rhino, man with gorilla, Komodo dragon - All at NZP, Silent, 200 feet, 5.6 minutes
- Box 3 of 6 1968 - Rhinos - Urine squirt by female, short chase by male. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 3 of 6 1974 - Smokey and Goldie action film, Cox Broadcasting Co., March 22, 1974. Sound, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 3 of 6 1978 - Smokey Bear. Sound, 125 feet, 3.5 minutes
- 3/4" U-matic Videotape
- Box 3 of 6 1960 - Development of capture gun at NZP
- Box 3 of 6 June 1973 - Giant panda ceremony with Pat Nixon
- Box 3 of 6 November 19, 1973 - Panda's first day in new pen

Box 4

16mm Film

- Box 4 of 6 * 1939 - Dr. Mann - South American trip with Mrs. Mann to Brazil and Argentina to collect animals for the zoo: Lake, possums, skunks, hippo, wild boar, view from a train. Silent, 275 feet, 7.6 minutes (original print, work print, b&w duplicate negative, and color internegative - 4 reels)

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- Box 4 of 6 1954 - Mellanistic melleoderma (reptile). Mexico and Mexican Zoo: Margaret A. Grimmer, various animals - Panther, polar bear exhibit, rhino, spider monkeys, owl, birds. Silent, 150 feet, 4.2 minutes
- Box 4 of 6 1960 - Bears at NZP, December 1960. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 4 of 6 1960 - Boothbay Harbor, Maine, October 1960. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 4 of 6 1960 - Snow scenes, NZP, December 12, 1960: Many animals shown. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 4 of 6 1960 - #B Montage - Scenes from NZP: Polar bear, seals, cleaning waterfowl ponds (b&w), keepers lassoing elk. Pageant of Peace on the Ellipse: Reindeer; NZP: Rock Creek Park flood, reindeer and calf; arrival of maned wolf (b&w); Africa (?): Ostrich, zebra, giraffe; NZP: Giraffe, elephant with keeper, llama, musk ox, zebu, keeper capturing antelope in outdoor enclosure, keepers putting halter on camel; September 9, 1962 - Tomoka (gorilla) and chimpanzee companion Lulu celebrate Tomoka's first birthday - With keepers W. Jack Armstrong, Ralph Norris, and also Lucile Q. Mann; Mexican zoo: Keepers feeding hippos; NZP: Dr. Reed in Elephant House with okapi, waterbirds; 1959 - British Guyana: Footage taken from river, birds, waterfall, squirrel monkey, bird's nest with egg, people standing near pontoon plane (including Mrs. Grimmer). Silent, 1200 feet, 33.3 minutes
- Box 4 of 6 1962 - Anoa, March 1962. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes
- Box 4 of 6 1963 - Barbary ape fits, pygmy hippo and baby, July 1963. Silent, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes
- Box 4 of 6 1963 - Babe (caribou) and calf (x reindeer). Silent, 40 feet, 1.1 minutes
- Box 4 of 6 1963 - Rhinos for Smithsonian. Silent, black & white, 348 feet, 9.6 minutes
- Box 4 of 6 1965 - Hybrid bear Willie - Keeper A. Smith, October 19, 1965. Silent, 350 feet, 9.7 minutes
- Box 4 of 6 1967 - Baby rhino. Silent, 100 feet, 2.8 minutes

Microfilm

Box 4 of 6 1961 - Report dealing with the planned expansion of NZP. 35 mm, negative image

1" SMPTE Type C Videotape

Box 4 of 6 South American trip, 1939

Box 4 of 6 NZP Footage, Dr. Mann, 1941

Box 4 of 6 Easter Sunday, 1942

Box 4 of 6 Bald Eagle, 1959; Circus, 1943

Box 4 of 6 NZP Film, Holt House, Dr. Reed, 1959

Box 4 of 6 Presentation of tiger to president, 1960

Box 5

16mm Film

Box 5 of 6 1959-1960 - #C Montage - Various animals at NZP: Lions, tiger, bear, giraffe, injection of Nile hippo - Treatment by Dr. James F. Wright, deer running in enclosure, elk euthanasia with dart, African rhino Josephine's carcass moved to incinerator, zebra castration, Himalayan bear, fossa, 3-toed sloth (b&w), fisher (b&w), binturong (b&w), Lion House interior, rhino, elephant, crane, deer, anoa, eland. Zebra at farm in Florida. Silent, black & white and color, 600 feet, 16.7 minutes

Box 5 of 6 1960 - Coolidge bear. Syrian bears. Sound, 50 feet, 1.4 minutes

Box 5 of 6 1961 - Various animals: Africa, U.S.A. animal park - White deer, ostrich, camel, gnu (?), eland, tour bus, giraffes, zebu, asses; NZP: Keepers catching alligator; 1959 - Panthers in cage, tigers (NZP?) b&w; 1960 - Snow scenes at NZP: Deer, bighorn sheep, bears fighting. Silent, 415 feet, 11.5 minutes

Box 5 of 6 1966 - Moving white rhinos from Elephant House to Hardy Hoof area; feline cubs and gibbon young in infirmary Silent, black & white, 600 feet, 16.7 minutes

1/2" Reel to Reel Videotape

Box 5 of 6 1979 - Social and Reproductive Development of the Giant Panda. Duplicate of master print, 30 minutes. (Must be transferred to cassette format to be viewed)

1" SMPTE Type C Videotape

Box 5 of 6 Iceland/Russia trip, 1938

Box 5 of 6 Montage, 1949; British Guyana, 1959

Box 5 of 6 Capture gun, 1960

Box 5 of 6 Panda ceremony, June 1973

Box 5 of 6 Pandas' first day in new pen, November 19, 1973

Box 6

16mm Film

Box 6 of 6 * 1938 - Iceland, Russia - Dr. and Mrs. Mann's trip to visit zoos in Europe and the Soviet Union. Silent, b&w and color, 1500 feet, 41.7 minutes

Box 6 of 6 Various dates, from 1954 to 1965 - Montage A: 1954 - NZP keeper (Leonard Clark Jr.?) removing cobra and eggs from cage, eggs placed in incubator, cobras hatching; 1961 - Gorilla Nicky in cage, when paralyzed, Dr. Reed; 1959 - Small elephant with 3 darts in its flank (film very dark); exterior of Elephant House: Elephant and keeper; 1958 - Lion, tiger, bear, hippos, jaguar, eland - Treatment with dart gun (edited from 1960 veterinarian footage), black leopard, camel - Treatment with dart gun; 1960 - Zebra foal moved by keepers; macaque in hospital; car on highway in the mountains, bear by side of the road, scenery taken from moving car; 1961 - Wild hogs in Florida; camp with tents and deer running through woods (location?); 1958 - New Orleans, Louisiana, animals: Whooping cranes, tiger cubs with Dr. Wright; 1965 - Baby gorilla with keeper amongst crowd of zoo visitors (NZP?), Dr. Reed touring zoo with others - Leaning over railings to touch cages, shot of Carnivora house and restaurant; 1954 - Armadillo with keeper (probably not NZP); camels (Florida?); 1960 - Africa, U.S.A. animal park: Asses, zebra, ostrich (b&w film); zebra, Budweiser brewery, eland, men lassoing camel (color); asses, zebra, ostrich (b&w); zebra, gaur (color); 1959 - Ostrich (b&w); 1960 - Antelopes, tour bus, elephant; 1960 - Men washing truck (location?) (b&w). Silent, color and b&w, 1600 feet, 44.4 minutes