

Grand Rapids History & Special Collections

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GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finding Aid for the

Grand Rapids Public Library
Native American Photo Collection

Collection # 068

September 2009 version

Abstract

The Grand Rapids Public Library Native American Photo Collection is a devised collection that was drawn together from various sources by subject matter. The source of these images has not been documented. The collection contains images of Native Americans, their housing, schools, church and crafts from the first two decades of the twentieth century. The collection also contains the much duplicated series of "before" and "after" photos of students at the Carlisle Indian School in 1886.

Collection #: 068

Accession #: 00.00-00.00

Donor: unknown

Span dates: 1886-c.1920

Processor: Original processor, Richard H. Harms, May 1988.

Inventory, Jason Shoup, Aug. 2000.

Box Summary, Marcella Beck, August 31, 2000.

Photo transfer of copied photos from Coll. 50, R. Mayne, June 6, 2001.

Size: .83 linear ft. (10 inches)

Box Summary

Box No.	Description of Contents	Box Description
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Box Inventory 9/2009		
1	untitled	full lid 3x10x13

Processing note: This box is no longer acid free, and should be replaced some time after the return move to the renovated GRPL. The folders are not of the quality of stock currently used.

History

The Grand Rapids Public Library was formed on 21 December 1871 when the Y.M.C.A. libraries, Ladies Library Association and School District Library of the Board of Education were merged. The library's holdings were housed successively in a private house, the Ledyard Building, the City Hall (1889-1969), until 1904 when the Ryerson Library Building was dedicated. In 1967 a large four-story addition was built.

Scope and Content

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Contents

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	Apple Harvesting (1 photo, June 2000)
1	2	Carlisle Indian School (6)
1	3	Cemeteries (3)
1	4	Handicrafts (2)
1	5	Harbor Springs (Mich.) (3) 1) Stereocard? View, n.d. Harbor Springs, Emmet Co., Michigan. Early image of town square with woman carrying umbrellas(parasols) on the sidewalk. Numerous horses with carriages near the Holy Childhood of Jesus Church. The School of the same name is next to the church, with a windmill nearby. Flag on pole in the square. Note: This church was previously identified as "Holy Name" church.
1	6	Housing (6 + 1 photo postcard)
1	7	Oceana County Mission Church (1 photo postcard)
1	8	Parades (1)
1	9	People. Aminequam, Samuel L. (1)
1	10	Assinarry, Sophie (4)
1	11	Baley, Bony/ Julia (2 photo postcards)
1	12	Groups: Baley, Eunice Jejake, Anna/William/Elizabeth/Frank Kew-ba-ah-she, Elizabeth Pa-gut-qua, John Shag-na-be, Lizzie Log-sa-quam, Marian (4)
1	13	People.Ke-zi-ju-ji-kive, Angeline (1)
1	14	Nay-wa-be-toe family (1)
1	15	Po-ne-sing family (1)
1	16	Shagnava, George (1 photo postcard)
1	17	Unidentified (3)
1	18	Wab-e-ke-nee-qua, Sarah (1)
1	19	Wabigekek, Mitchell (6)
1	20	St. Ignace (Mich.) (1)
1	21	Copy Prints, additions (27 photos, June 2001)

Added Entry Index

Basket Weaving - folder 4
Churches - folders 5, 7, 20
Corn Harvesting - folder 17
Cross Village (Mich.) - folder 6
Harvesting - folders 1, 17
Indian Cemeteries - folder 3
Indian Students - folder 2
Middle Village (Mich.) - folder 6
Native American Cemeteries - folder 3
Native American Students - folder 2
Quill Art - folder 4
Students - folder 2