Edith Metcalf Collection of Navajo Indian Lantern Slides

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Edith Metcalf Collection of Navajo Indian Lantern Slides

Dates: ca. 1910

Collection Number: photCL 517

Creator/Collector:
Extent: 71 lantern slides, 58 copy negatives, and 64 copy transparencies in 4 boxes; lantern slides 8 x 10 cm. (3 x 4 in.). See itemized list under “Additional collection guides.”

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Abstract: These lantern slides depict Baptist missionary work with Navajo Indians at Two Gray Hills Mission near Ship Rock, New Mexico at the beginning of the twentieth century. Images of interest include Baptist preachers E.E. Chivers, N.B. Rairden, O.B. Sarber and his wife, and R.B. Wright and his wife and daughters (Helena and Clara).

Language of Material: English

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Acquisition Information
Given by Edith Metcalf on October 28, 1977.

Scope and Content of Collection
The lantern slides show Christian hymns and Bible illustrations designed to help educate the Navajos in the Christian faith; Navajo interpreter Tom Cartin(?); Navajo mission helper Gertrude; Joseph R. Wilkin and his trading post; Navajo women weaving; Navajo children at the mission school; Navajo men gambling; Ute Indians; hogans; a sweathouse; Navajos working in the cornfields; Ship Rock; a mission school with Navajo children; a silversmith; sheepherders; and the New Mexico desert. Also included in this collection are copy transparencies that appear to be made from negatives that are not in this collection. These copy transparencies have no accompanying information, but they do seem to have been created around the same time as the lantern slides. The copy transparencies show portraits of Tom Cartin(?) and Gertrude; Navajo men on horseback; Navajo women and their children; desert landscapes; Baptist missionary families (including the Wrights); pictographs; and horses and wagons. Fifty-eight copy negatives are also a part of the collection. Lantern slides 5, 13-33, 35-45, 47-49, 51-54, 56-58, 60-69, and 71 have matching copy negatives.

Indexing Terms
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List of Lantern Slides