Guide to Frederick Starr photographs from Southern Mexico MSS.PHOTO.0586

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Frederick Starr was an anthropologist and professor at the University of Chicago. Between the years of 1897 and 1901, he made four trips to Southern Mexico to study the indigenous people there. He took with him an interpreter, a photographer, and a “plaster works” specialist. He published his findings in his book, In Indian Mexico: A Narrative of Travel and Labor, published in 1908. Reproductions of many of the photographs included here appear in his book.

Materials include photographs of various indigenous groups of Mexico, including the Zapotec, Otomi, Mixi, and Trique, as well as buildings, the landscape, artifacts, and one photograph of Frederick Starr with another man, possibly his travel companion Ernst Lux. Photos have plate numbers written on the versos. Some photos by Jahn & Ollier Engraving Company.

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[Identification of item], Frederick Starr photographs from Southern Mexico (Mss Photo 0586). Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford, California.

Photograph of Frederick Starr [and possibly Ernst Lux, his travel companion]
Juave woman and children, San Mateo del Mar, Mexico, 10 1/2” x 14” 1899
Zapotec women and girls, Tiacolula, Mexico, 10 1/2”x14” 1899
Tehuantepec woman, Tehuantepec, Mexico, 10 1/2”x14” 1899
Man, woman and child, 10 1/2”x14”
Man making baskets, women and children, 10 1/2”x14”
Women drying food, 10 1/2”x14”
Man and children, 10 1/2”x14”
Man making clay pot, 10 1/2”x14”
Woman with child, 10 1/2”x14”
Huts, 10 1/2”x14”
Trees and mountains, 10 1/2”x14”
Portrait of man [Mixe Indian], 10 1/2”x14”
Portrait of woman, 10 1/2”x14”
Front and side portrait of Otomi Indian, 11 1/2” x 10”
Front and side portrait of Mixi Indian, 11 1/2" x 10"

Front and side portrait of Trique Indian woman, 11 1/2" x 10"

Front and side portrait of Trique Indian man, 11 1/2" x 10"

Tzeudal Indians, Teuejoho, Chiapas, various tribe members, 11"x10 1/2"

Material Specific Details: Photographs are very faded.

Capilla del Santo Cristo de Tlacolula, Oaxaca, interior, 7 1/2"x11 1/4"

Church exterior, 8"x10"

Artifacts [museum?], 10"x11 3/4"

Artifacts, two photographs, statue is 5"x7" and other with 3 artifacts is 6"x8"

Top of building, 5 1/4"x6 1/2"

Stone dam in a river, "Las Chorreras" in Yurecuaro, Mich, Mexico, with a manuscript on verso signed by Dr. V. Pleth 1912