Allison V. Armour expedition to Yucatán, Mexico photograph album

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Allison V. Armour expedition to Yucatán, Mexico photograph album
Date: 1895
Collection Number: MS 023
Creator: Field Museum of Natural History
Source: Armour, Allison V.
Source: Holmes, William Henry, 1846-1933
Extent: 1.56 linear feet (1 box)
Repository: Rivera Library. Special Collections Department.
Abstract: The collection consists of an album of photographs depicting the Allison V. Armour expedition to the Yucatán peninsula in Mexico, a research expedition undertaken in 1895 by curators from the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. Photographs in the album focus mainly on the Mayan ruins visited by members of the expedition, with additional photographs of local scenery and the expedition group.
Languages: The collection is in English.

Access
The collection is open for research.

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Processing History
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Historical Note
The Allison V. Armour expedition to Yucatán, Mexico, was a research expedition undertaken in 1895 for the Field Museum of Natural History, then known as the Columbian Museum of Chicago. Allison V. Armour was a wealthy patron of the museum who funded the expedition, which was meant to carry out research for the anthropology, botany, geology, and zoology departments of the museum. Jointly headed by the museum's Curator of Anthropology, William Henry Holmes, the expedition took two and a half months and explored areas of the Yucatán peninsula researching the Maya, Zapotec and Mixtec civilizations.

Collection Scope and Contents
The collection consists of an album of 27 black and white photographs taken during the Allison V. Armour expedition to Mexico in 1895. Photographs in the collection show some of the locations explored by the group, including Chichén Itzá, Isla Mujeres, various cenotes and other ruins. Other photographs include shots of the expedition group and their transportation. All photographs in the album include short captions.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Armour, Allison V.
Holmes, William Henry, 1846-1933
Chichén Itzá Site (Mexico)
Mayas -- Antiquities
Scientific expeditions
Yucatán Peninsula

Genres and Forms of Materials
Black-and-white photographs