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Biographical Information:

Charles Milton Bell was one of Washington, D.C.'s leading portrait photographers during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Today, he is best known for his photographs of Native Americans, which he began to produce in 1873. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: [http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/C._M._Bell_\(Charles_Milton\)](http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/C._M._Bell_(Charles_Milton)).

Scope and Contents

Nine original photographic prints, all with board backing, of Indians by Charles Milton Bell. Photocopies of each print are included.

Subjects include: Osh-U-ton (Winding Stream) (Sauk and Fox Tribe), Yellow Bird (Umatilla Confederate Tribe), Spotted Tail (Ogala Sioux Tribe), Chief On-A-Wat (Can't Do It) (Sauk & Fox Tribe), Wolf (Little or Young Chief) (Umatilla Confederate Tribe), Ben Scratching A Tree (Sauk and Fox Tribe), Red Cloud (Ogala Sioux Tribe), Chief Joseph (Nez Perce) and Wa-Pa-Sue-Ca (Shining River) (Sauk and Fox Iowa Tribe).

Includes a photocopy of 1989 Library of Congress pamphlet, "Washingtoniana Photographs" about the history of the Photographic Studio in Washington, D.C., 1873-1909, and the C.M. Bell Studio Collection.

Addition 2008.346 includes a reproduction photograph of the "Fox Men" by C.M. Bell, circa 1890, photograph of a woman holding her child in a cradleboard (not marked as being by C.M. Bell), photostat reproduction of an U.S. map with Indian tribal areas noted, a photograph of a man (C. M. Bell?) and a handout entitled "Ambassadors from the Plains: A Bibliography." Some of these items may have been used in a Swem Library exhibit.

Keywords

Sac & Fox Nation, Oklahoma
Sauk Indians.
Sioux Nation
Umatilla Indians

Description of Subordinate Components

Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/606872

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Red Cloud (Ogala Sioux Tribe), Chief Joseph (Nez Perce), and Wa-Pa-Sue-Ca (Shining River) (Sauk and Fox Iowa Tribe)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245255

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Chief On-A-Wat (Can't Do It) (Sauk and Fox Tribe), Wolf (Little or Young Chief) (Umatilla Confederate Tribe), Ben Scratching A Tree (Sauk and Fox Tribe)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245256

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Osh-U-ton (Winding Stream) (Sauk and Fox Tribe), Yellow Bird (Umatilla Confederate Tribe), Spotted Tail (Ogala Sioux Tribe)

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Container 3 (folder)

Photograph of a woman holding her child in a cradleboard, reproductions, and reference material

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Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

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