Van Valkenburgh, Richard F.  
Van Valkenburgh photograph collection, 1910-1941 (bulk 1935-1941)

DESCRIPTION

Photographs, many are 2 3/4" x 3 1/2" snapshots, of life on the Navajo Reservation, mostly between 1935 and 1941 although a few were taken about 1915. There are also a few photographs of the San Agustin Mission ruins and the area at the foot of Sentinel Peak taken in the 1940s. There are many full-length informal portraits of Navajo men and women, as well as images of homes, hogans, sheep, and pictographs and rock inscriptions. There are images of a fair displaying arts and crafts, Navajo rugs, jewelry, baskets, pottery and more, ca. 1940. There are images of a distribution of food, an Indian School band, a Navajo weaver, and sheep going through dipping chutes.

1 box, .5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Anthropologist; primarily studied the Navajo from 1935 to 1941 and 1952 to 1957. Van Valkenburgh was employed by the U.S. Office of Indian Affairs to head a social and economic study of the Navajo Reservation from 1935 to 1941 and was the head of the Navajo Tribe's Dept. of Land Use and Surveys.

RELATED MATERIAL

Richard F. Van Valkenburgh papers, MS 0831

ACQUISITION

Donated by Richard Van Valkenburgh between 1944 and 1950.

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