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**PC 144****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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