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Photo Lot: 2010-12
Creator: Waite, George L.
Title: George L. Waite "Desert Sheiks" Lantern Slides
Date Span: 1930
Quantity: 47 lantern slides (1 box)

Summary: The collection consists of 47 lantern slides, some hand-colored, made by George L. Waite, photographer and cinematographer on the 1930 Beloit College Logan Museum Expedition to Algeria. The set appears to have been made to illustrate a talk by Waite entitled, "Desert Sheiks."

Biographical Note: George L. Waite was a photographer from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In the spring of 1930 when he was about 60 years old, Waite volunteered as photographer for the sixth Beloit College Logan Museum of Anthropology Algerian expedition, led by Alonzo W. Pond. His primary role was to provide photographic and cinematic documentation of the excavation activities and daily lives of the 20 expedition members.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of 47 lantern slides, some hand-colored, that appear to have been made to illustrate a talk by Waite entitled, "Desert Sheiks." Images show Algerian nomadic people, their camps, and activities including animal husbandry, Algerian towns and villages, and views of the Algerian countryside. Included are several images of the Beloit College expedition camp and participants, including one photograph of George Waite taping up film cans.

Alternate Forms Available: The lantern slides have been digitized and are available for viewing online.

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Acquisition Information: The collection was donated to the National Anthropological Archives in 2010 by Ty Lindberg, who purchased the lantern slides at a flea market.

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open to the public.

Restrictions on Use: Contact the repository for terms of use.

Related Material: The Human Studies Film Archives at the Smithsonian holds several films relating to the 1930 expedition to Algeria and George L. Waite's role as photographer (HSFA 82.5.1, HSFA 82.5.2-1, HSFA 82.5.2-2, HSFA 82.5.8).

Note on Condition: Seven slides are cracked. Of the seven slides, four are cracked only on the clear pane, two are cracked on both the clear and image pane, and the title slide is missing a corner. Some of the images have silver mirroring around the edges where air has come between the glass panes. On the cracked slides, there is mirroring along the cracks. Some slides show signs of mold between the panes where the binding is missing or damaged.

Note on Processing: The collection was processed by Jennifer Hawkins and Gina Rappaport, 2010.

Note on Description: Collection and image descriptions provided in this finding aid were compiled using the best available sources of information. Such sources include the creator's annotations or descriptions, collection accession files, primary and secondary source material (i.e. documents, publications, and websites), and subject matter experts. While every effort is made to provide accurate information, it is understood that errors may reveal themselves following review by other subject experts, and new information is welcome.

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Inventory

Box/Folder	Item	Description	Date
1	1	Title Slide – 'Geo. L. Waite color photographer with Beloit College Algerian Expedition will deliver his illustrated talk on "Desert Sheiks"'	Circa 1930
	2	Title Slide – "Desert Sheiks"	Circa 1930
	3	Crowd at market	Circa 1930
	4	Two men sitting on ground in front of tent playing flute	Circa 1930
	5	Crowd in village	Circa 1930
	6	Flock of birds in field of grass	Circa 1930
	7	Man selling woven rugs. Hand colored	Circa 1930
	8	Expedition member on camel at campsite with tent and truck in background and man standing nearby	Circa 1930
	9	Algerian woman with design on face, possibly tattoo or henna	Circa 1930
	10	Algerian woman and two children	Circa 1930
	11	Men working on building	Circa 1930
	12	Two Algerian men tilling field with plow pulled by horses and oxen. Hand colored	Circa 1930
	13	Members of expedition at worksite with tent in background	Circa 1930
	14	View of town showing canal, boats, and stone bridge in background. Signs on buildings in French.	Circa 1930
	15	Two Algerian men and young girl	Circa 1930
	16	Member of expedition spraying blanket with insecticide	Circa 1930
	17	Caravan with camels	Circa 1930
	18	Algerian man	Circa 1930
	19	Algerian man. Hand colored	Circa 1930
	20	Members of expedition and Algerian men with donkeys carrying supplies	Circa 1930
	21	Algerian men, women, and child with horses and donkey retrieving water from desert well	Circa 1930
	22	Algerian men, women, and children standing beside road with some men playing instruments	Circa 1930
	23	Algerian men at mill with livestock	Circa 1930

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	24	Algerian men and women at desert well with donkey	Circa 1930
	25	Expedition tent interior	Circa 1930
	26	Algerian's camp with tents	Circa 1930
	27	Expedition photographer, George Waite, taping closed metal film canisters	Circa 1930
	28	Algerian rocky landscape	Circa 1930
	29	Ruins, possibly Roman. Hand colored	Circa 1930
	30	Algerian men with sheep	Circa 1930
	31	Algerian village with buildings of mud construction	Circa 1930
	32	Algerian walled hillside town	Circa 1930
	33	Algerian man tilling field with plow and oxen	Circa 1930
	34	Algerian woman working, possibly beating material on rock	Circa 1930
	35	Caravan with camels	Circa 1930
	36	Expedition members preparing meal next to truck with "Logan Museum" painted on door	Circa 1930
	37	Expedition member seated in front of tent	Circa 1930
	38	Algerian children on camels in caravan with dogs	Circa 1930
	39	Algerian city street with ox-drawn street-sleds	Circa 1930
	40	Algerian woman with two children and dogs	Circa 1930
	41	Ox laying on ground with other livestock visible in background	Circa 1930
	42	Young Algerian man standing in front of tent and stone wall, with children visible in tent. Hand colored	Circa 1930
	43	Three Algerian men harvesting wheat by hand	Circa 1930
	44	Large number of Algerian villagers gathered, possibly a market	Circa 1930
	45	Algerian men with donkey carrying load of sticks	Circa 1930
	46	Algerian men seated on ground with tools	Circa 1930
	47	Algerian men and flock of sheep	Circa 1930