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Photo Lot:	MS 4285
Creator:	Hime, Humphrey Lloyd
Title:	Humphrey Lloyd Hime Photographs of the Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition
Date Span:	1858
Quantity:	34 prints (1 box): albumen

Summary: Photographs taken by Humphrey Lloyd Hime, during the Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition of 1858. Photographs show settlers' and Indians' homes, farms, churches, canoes, and graves as well as the river and landscape.

Biographical Note: Humphrey Lloyd Hime (1833-1903) was a photographer and surveyor with the firm Armstrong, Beere, and Hime, Civil Engineers, Draughtsmen and Photographists in Toronto, Ontario. On April 10, 1858, Hime was hired as the photographer for Henry Youle Hind's Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition of 1858, the first of its kind in Canada to use photography.

Historical Note: The Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition of 1858 was commissioned by the Canadian Government to establish a reliable trade route between Lake Superior and the Red River. The Hudson's Bay Company's permit to trade exclusively in the Canadian interior would expire in 1859, and upon the request to extend its monopoly, a thorough investigation of the area to document topography, vegetation, native life, and settlement potential was necessary to grant the extension. A thorough evaluation of the land to determine its agricultural stability for future settlement opportunities was also required. Under the command of Professor Henry Youle Hind, a geologist and naturalist at Trinity College in Toronto, explorers were instructed to obtain comprehensive geographic information that would help to create maps of objects illustrating the natural history of the land between the rivers Saskatchewan and Assiniboine.

Arrangement: Photographs arranged in accordance with the contents of Henry Youle Hind's 1860 folio, *Photographs take at Lord Selkirk's Settlement of the Red River of the North*.

Scope and Content: Photographs taken by Humphrey Lloyd Hime during the Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition of 1858, of Lord Selkirk's Settlement on the Red River of the North. Images show homes, tents, churches, canoes, graves, buildings, and indigenous peoples.

Note on Format: Albumen prints mounted on art paper. Several of the papers are embossed with a crown and "Bristol Paper" or "Bristol Boards".

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Custodial History: There is no record of how or when the prints came to the Bureau of American Ethnology.

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1/1	4	Two Freighter's Boats on banks of the Red River	1858
1/1	5	Freighter's Boat on banks of the Red River	1858
1/1	6	Bishop's Court (residence of Bishop of Rupert's Land), on banks of the Red River	1858
Churches of Selkirk Settlement			
1/2	7	Cathedral of St. Boniface (Roman Catholic) and nunnery on banks of the Red River	1858
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