



## FINDING AID



## RAYMOND BABY PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

1940

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## ***HISTORY***

Photographs most likely belonging to Raymond Baby.

Raymond S. Baby (pronounced "Bobby") was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1917. He attended the Western Reserve University and earned a B.S. degree in anatomy. He pursued graduate studies at the University of New Mexico, but did not earn a postgraduate degree. In 1940 he participated as an auditor in an Advanced Field Session at Chaco Canyon. The 1940 session excavated site BC-53, a project documented in this photographic collection. Baby's field notes on BC-53 have been digitized by the Chaco Digital Initiative and are available at [http://www.chacoarchive.org/docs/000063\\_complete.pdf](http://www.chacoarchive.org/docs/000063_complete.pdf)

Baby was hired by the Ohio Historical Society in 1946 to conduct an archaeological survey of the Delaware Reservoir area. In 1947, he became a full-time assistant in archaeology and in the following year he replaced Richard Morgan as curator of archaeology. During the 1960s and 70s, Baby taught classes in Ohio archaeology at The Ohio State University. Many of his students assisted in excavations and some went on to careers in archaeology.

Baby's most significant contributions to Ohio archaeology include his collaboration with Olaf Prufer, of Kent State University, on the first major synthesis of the Paleoindians of Ohio and his work with William S. Webb, University of Kentucky, on refining our understanding of the Adena culture. Baby also collaborated with James Brown, Northwestern University, on new interpretations of the Mound City Group.

Baby retired from the Ohio Historical Society in 1979 accepting an appointment as curator emeritus. He died in 1982.

These photographs, negatives and lantern slides were discovered by a curator at the Ohio Historical Society in May 2009. The curator had no background information about the materials besides the descriptive information recorded on the backs of some of the photographs. The Ohio Historical Society sent these materials to the Hibben Center where it was deduced that they had belonged to Raymond Baby by F. Joan Mathien.

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***SCOPE AND CONTENT*****RAYMOND BABY PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION  
1940**

*COLLECTION NUMBER* 0049

*CATALOG NUMBER* CHCU 52718

*DESCRIPTION* Photographs, negatives and lantern slides depicting excavations in Chaco Canyon. Majority are of site BC-53.

Photographs are in good condition. Titles for photographs encompass what is written on the backs of the prints. When back of photograph provides no information, archivist-assigned title appears between brackets [].

Neg #: 93001-93084

*ORGANIZATION* [Organization] [Arrangement] Park catalog numbers were assigned for tracking and filing purposes and cross-referenced to the inventory. Photographs and their matching negatives/lantern slides were cataloged using the same number.

Film negatives placed in cold storage August 2011

*PROVENANCE* Raymond Baby, Ohio Historical Society

*RESTRICTIONS* NO

*ASSOCIATED MATERIALS* 7 prints and 6 nitrates of Mesa Verde were removed from the collection for transfer to MEVE.

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***ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS***

**Item Nbr:** 93001  
**Title:** [EXCAVATION]

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**Item Nbr:** 93002  
**Title:** [CLOSE UP WALL]

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**Item Nbr:** 93003  
**Title:** [BEGINNING OF BURIAL EXCAVATION]

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**Item Nbr:** 93004  
**Title:** [BEGINNING OF BURIAL EXCAVATION]

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**Item Nbr:** 93005  
**Title:** HOUSE. SHABIKESHCHEE VILLAGE  
**Phys Desc:** SHABIKESHCHEE VILLAGE

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**Item Nbr:** 93006  
**Title:** BC-53  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93007  
**Title:** PUEBLO BONITO  
**Phys Desc:** PUEBLO BONITO

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**Item Nbr:** 93008  
**Title:** BC-53  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93009  
**Title:** JOHN DEACON. PUEBLO BONITO  
**Phys Desc:** PUEBLO BONITO

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**Item Nbr:** 93010  
**Title:** BC-53 FILLED DOOR W. WALL OF RM 2  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93011  
**Title:** BC-53 FILL IN N. WALL RM 2  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93012  
**Title:** BASKET MAKER III SITE, LARGO CANYON  
**Phys Desc:** LARGO CANYON

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**Item Nbr:** 93013  
**Title:** BASKET MAKER III SITE SHOWING THE OUTLINE OF STRUCTURES, LARGO CANYON  
**Phys Desc:** LARGO CANYON

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**Item Nbr:** 93014  
**Title:** WALT TAYLOR AT BC-53 KIVA B  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93015  
**Title:** BC-53 60 RM 2. ARROW INDICATES MATTING AND TWO SUPPORTING STICKS FOR COVERING OF CIST  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93016  
**Title:** BC-53 KIVA A  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93017  
**Title:** CHACO CANYON  
**Phys Desc:** CHACO CANYON  
**Summary Notes:** Many people in this photograph

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**Item Nbr:** 93018  
**Title:** SHABIKESHCHEE VILLAGE  
**Phys Desc:** SHABIKESHCHEE VILLAGE

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**Item Nbr:** 93019  
**Title:** SHABIKESHCHEE VILLAGE  
**Phys Desc:** SHABIKESHCHEE VILLAGE

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**Item Nbr:** 93020

**Title:** [2 PEOPLE]

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**Item Nbr:** 93021

**Title:** CHACO CANYON

**Phys Desc:** CHACO CANYON

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**Item Nbr:** 93022

**Title:** CHACO CANYON

**Phys Desc:** CHACO CANYON

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**Item Nbr:** 93023

**Title:** SALT POINT SITE LARGO CANYON NM BIII

**Phys Desc:** LARGO CANYON

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**Item Nbr:** 93024

**Title:** HUNGO PAVE P3 RUIN

**Phys Desc:** HUNGO PAVE

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**Item Nbr:** 93025

**Title:** BC-53 LOOKING SW

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Series Nbr:**

**Item Nbr:** 93026

**Title:** [MATTING]

**Phys Desc:**

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**Item Nbr:** 93027

**Title:** BC-53 MORGAN AND TWO LITTLE POTS WITH BURIAL (60)

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93028

**Title:** TYPE MASONRY BC-53

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93029

**Title:** [CORNER]

**Phys Desc:**

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**Item Nbr:** 93030**Title:** P1 PUEBLO ABOVE HOGAN 4 AT CAMP**Phys Desc:**

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**Item Nbr:** 93031**Title:** HUNGO PAVE**Phys Desc:** HUNGO PAVE

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**Item Nbr:** 93032**Title:** BC-53 LOOKING EAST**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93033**Title:** [CHACO LANDSCAPE]

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**Item Nbr:** 93034**Title:** BC-53 RM 2**Phys Desc:** BC-53**Summary Notes:** Burial

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**Item Nbr:** 93035**Title:** [BC-53 RM 2 BURIAL]**Phys Desc:** BC-53**Summary Notes:** Same pic as 93034?

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**Item Nbr:** 93036**Title:** BC-53 MR. TAYLOR, MRS. SUNDERLAND**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93037**Title:** BC-53 RM 6**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93038**Title:** BC-53 RM 2 BURIAL**Phys Desc:** BC-53



**Summary Notes:** Burial

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**Item Nbr:** 93039

**Title:** BC-53 START OF EXCAVATION RM 2 SHOWING THE TRENCH TO LOCATE WALLS

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93040

**Title:** BC-53

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93041

**Title:** BC-53 SLAB OF BURIAL 60 RM 6. MORGAN ALSO IN PICTURE

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93042

**Title:** BC 53 60 RM 2

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

**Summary Notes:** Burial. Almost identical to 93003

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**Item Nbr:** 93043

**Title:** BC-53 KIVA B MRS FRANK ROBERTS JR.

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93044

**Title:** [CHACO FIELD SCHOOL ENTRANCE]

**Phys Desc:**

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**Item Nbr:** 93045

**Title:** ARTIFACTS FROM BC-53. TYPICAL OF THE FINDS

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93046

**Title:** BC-53 LOOKING EAST

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93047

**Title:** BC-53 FOUND WITH BURIAL 60 RM 6

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93048  
**Title:** JOHN DEACON HOLDING 50 LB HAMMER  
**Phys Desc:**

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**Item Nbr:** 93049  
**Title:** BOTANY GROUP, DR. CASTETTER  
**Phys Desc:**

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**Item Nbr:** 93050  
**Title:** BC-53 60 RM 6  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93051  
**Title:** [CLOSE UP WALL]  
**Phys Desc:**

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**Item Nbr:** 93052  
**Title:** MORGAN, STAN, GREENWOOD  
**Phys Desc:**

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**Item Nbr:** 93053  
**Title:** PUEBLO BONITO JACK ANDERSON  
**Phys Desc:** PUEBLO BONITO

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**Item Nbr:** 93054  
**Title:** PABLO YEPA, JEMEZ INDIAN

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**Item Nbr:** 93055  
**Title:** THE GREAT WALL PUEBLO BONITO  
**Phys Desc:** PUEBLO BONITO

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**Item Nbr:** 93056  
**Title:** PUEBLO BONITO FROM THREATENING ROCK  
**Phys Desc:** PUEBLO BONITO

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**Item Nbr:** 93057  
**Title:** W. PATCHED WALL RM 2 BC-53

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93058

**Title:** MR AND MRS FRANK J ROBERTS JR. ON BC-53

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93059

**Title:** BC-53 GENERAL VIEW OF SITE AS EXCAVATION BEGINS

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93060

**Title:** BC-53

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93061

**Title:** "DOC"

**Phys Desc:**

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**Item Nbr:** 93062

**Title:** BC-53 MORGAN AND GREENWOOD

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93063

**Title:** BC-53 RM 6 POTS FROM 60

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93064

**Title:** BC-53 RM 6: BURIAL, CHILD, WITH MINIATURE VESSELS (2), UNDER SLAB (?) IN SW CORNER (SIDE SHOT)

**Dates:** 1940

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93065

**Title:** BC-53 RM 6: BURIAL, CHILD, WITH MINIATURE VESSELS (2), UNDER SLAB (?) IN SW CORNER

**Dates:** 1940

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93066

**Title:** BC-53 RM 6: BURIAL, CHILD, SOMEWHAT DISTURBED.  
**Dates:** 1940  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93067  
**Title:** BC-53 GENERAL DIG SECOND WEEK FROM TALUS AT BASE OF S WALL OF CANYON  
**Dates:** 1940  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93068  
**Title:** BC-53 RM 6: FIRST BURIAL, CHILD, BEING EXCAVATED  
**Dates:** 1940  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93069  
**Title:** BC-53 RM 2: SHOWING STEP AT WEST SIDE OF ROOM AND FLOOR LEVEL OF REST OF ROOM  
**Dates:** 1940  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93070  
**Title:** BC-53 RM 2: BURIAL, ADULT, ON FLOOR IN NE CORNER. HEAD TO SOUTH  
**Dates:** 1940  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93071  
**Title:** [BC-53 BURIAL, CHILD]  
**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93072  
**Title:** CHACO CANYON, NM, PUEBLO BONITO  
**Phys Desc:** PUEBLO BONITO

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**Item Nbr:** 93073  
**Title:** PUEBLO BONITO LOOKING SE  
**Phys Desc:** PUEBLO BONITO

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**Item Nbr:** 93074  
**Title:** [BURIAL]

**Phys Desc:** BC-53

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**Item Nbr:** 93075

**Title:** SALT PT. SITE, LARGO CANYON, NM. UPRIGHT SLABS OF SUB. TER. ROOM

**Phys Desc:** LARGO CANYON

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**Item Nbr:** 93076

**Title:** [MESA CHACO CANYON]

**Phys Desc:** CHACO CANYON

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**Item Nbr:** 93077

**Title:** [TOWN]

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**Item Nbr:** 93078

**Title:** [DOUBLE EXPOSURE]

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**Item Nbr:** 93079

**Title:** [HOGANS]

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**Item Nbr:** 93080

**Title:** [HOGANS]

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**Item Nbr:** 93081

**Title:** [HOGANS]

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**Item Nbr:** 93082

**Title:** [PEOPLE]

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**Item Nbr:** 93083

**Title:** [TOWN - CUBA?]

**Phys Desc:** CUBA?

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**Item Nbr:** 93084

**Title:** [PEOPLE]

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