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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

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.
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 #s: 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.
ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

Item Nbr: 93001
Title: [EXCAVATION]

Item Nbr: 93002
Title: [CLOSE UP WALL]

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

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

Item Nbr: 93005
Title: HOUSE. SHABIKESCHEE VILLAGE
Phys Desc: SHABIKESCHEE VILLAGE

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

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

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

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

Item Nbr: 93010
Title: BC-53 FILLED DOOR W. WALL OF RM 2
Phys Desc: BC-53
Item Nbr: 93011  
Title: BC-53 FILL IN N. WALL RM 2  
Phys Desc: BC-53

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Item Nbr: 93019  
Title: SHABIKESHCHEE VILLAGE  
Phys Desc: SHABIKESHCHEE VILLAGE
Item Nbr: 93020
Title: [2 PEOPLE]

Item Nbr: 93021
Title: CHACO CANYON
Phys Desc: CHACO CANYON

Item Nbr: 93022
Title: CHACO CANYON
Phys Desc: CHACO CANYON

Item Nbr: 93023
Title: SALT POINT SITE LARGO CANYON NM BIII
Phys Desc: LARGO CANYON

Item Nbr: 93024
Title: HUNGO PAVE P3 RUIN
Phys Desc: HUNGO PAVE

Item Nbr: 93025
Title: BC-53 LOOKING SW
Phys Desc: BC-53

Series Nbr:
Item Nbr: 93026
Title: [MATTING]
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 93027
Title: BC-53 MORGAN AND TWO LITTLE POTS WITH BURIAL (60)
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93028
Title: TYPE MASONRY BC-53
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93029
Title: [CORNER]
Item Nbr: 93030
Title: P1 PUEBLO ABOVE HOGAN 4 AT CAMP
Phys Desc: ________________________________

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

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

Item Nbr: 93033
Title: [CHACO LANDSCAPE]

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

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

Item Nbr: 93036
Title: BC-53 M R. TAYLOR, MRS. SUnderLAND
Phys Desc: BC-53

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

Item Nbr: 93038
Title: BC-53 RM 2 BURIAL
Phys Desc: BC-53
Summary Notes: Burial

Item Nbr: 93039
Title: BC-53 START OF EXCAVATION RM 2 SHOWING THE TRENCH TO LOCATE WALLS
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93040
Title: BC-53
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93041
Title: BC-53 SLAB OF BURIAL 60 RM 6. MORGAN ALSO IN PICTURE
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93042
Title: BC 53 60 RM 2
Phys Desc: BC-53
Summary Notes: Burial. Almost identical to 93003

Item Nbr: 93043
Title: BC-53 KIVA B MRS FRANK ROBERTS JR.
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93044
Title: [CHACO FIELD SCHOOL ENTRANCE]
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 93045
Title: ARTIFACTS FROM BC-53. TYPICAL OF THE FINDS
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93046
Title: BC-53 LOOKING EAST
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93047
Title: BC-53 FOUND WITH BURIAL 60 RM 6
Phys Desc: BC-53
Item Nbr: 93048  
Title: JOHN DEACON HOLDING 50 LB HAMMER  
Phys Desc: 

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

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

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

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

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

Item Nbr: 93054  
Title: PABLO YEPA, JEMEZ INDIAN  

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

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

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

Item Nbr: 93058
Title: MR AND MRS FRANK J ROBERTS JR. ON BC-53
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93059
Title: BC-53 GENERAL VIEW OF SITE AS EXCAVATION BEGINS
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93060
Title: BC-53
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93061
Title: "DOC"
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 93062
Title: BC-53 MORGAN AND GREENWOOD
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93063
Title: BC-53 RM 6 POTS FROM 60
Phys Desc: BC-53

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

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

Item Nbr: 93066
Title: BC-53 RM 6: BURIAL, CHILD, SOMEWHAT DISTURBED.
Dates: 1940
Phys Desc: BC-53

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Item Nbr: 93074
Title: [BURIAL]
Phys Desc: BC-53

Item Nbr: 93075
Title: SALT PT. SITE, LARGO CANYON, NM. UPRIGHT SLABS OF SUB. TER. ROOM
Phys Desc: LARGO CANYON

Item Nbr: 93076
Title: [MESA CHACO CANYON]
Phys Desc: CHACO CANYON

Item Nbr: 93077
Title: [TOWN]

Item Nbr: 93078
Title: [DOUBLE EXPOSURE]

Item Nbr: 93079
Title: [HOGANS]

Item Nbr: 93080
Title: [HOGANS]

Item Nbr: 93081
Title: [HOGANS]

Item Nbr: 93082
Title: [PEOPLE]

Item Nbr: 93083
Title: [TOWN - CUBA?]
Phys Desc: CUBA?

Item Nbr: 93084
Title: [PEOPLE]