Increasing Community Access to a Photograph Collection through Cataloging and Dissemination

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- Documenting Seminole Tribe of Florida events and culture since the 1960s:
  - *Smoke Signals* (1963)
  - renamed *Alligator Times* (1973)
  - renamed *Seminole Tribune* (1982).

- ATTK Museum received 115,000 photos from *Seminole Tribune* in 2015.

- 30,000 photos accessioned and targeted for cataloging.

- Photos span 1970s – 2015, and are of very diverse subject matters.
Photo cataloging project objectives

• Catalog 11,520 photos into PastPerfect collections management database.

• Upload scanned photo images to ATTK Museum on-line Digital Collection.

• Provide outreach to the STOF community in order to raise greater awareness of the this important historical and cultural resource.
Organize, Identify and Catalog

- Organize by event or other similarities
- Use local volunteers to identify
- Further identification and organization after cataloging
Photo of Thomas Storm, Sr. performing an alligator wrestling demonstration, likely at a Tribal Fair event, circa 1990. ATTK Catalog No. 2015.6.15692.

Photo of a cattle drive, late 1990s. ATTK Catalog No. 2015.6.12008.

Photo of a cattle drive, late 1990s. ATTK Catalog No. 2015.6.17944

Photo of a cattle drive, late 1990s. ATTK Catalog No. 2015.6.18477

Photo of a cattle drive, late 1990s. ATTK Catalog No. 2015.6.13486

Photo of a cattle drive, late 1990s. ATTK Catalog No. 2015.6.14492

Photo of a cattle drive, late 1990s. ATTK Catalog No. 2015.6.15367
Some surprises are good, right?

Fig. 1. Photo of the first Tribal Council having a meeting, March 1958. Seated (l to r): Howard Tiger, Laura Mae Osceola, Billy Osceola, Mike Osceola, John Josh, and John Cypress. Standing (l to r): Charlotte Osceola and Betty Mae Jumper. Frank Billie (not pictured) was also a Council Member, as noted on the back of the photo. ATTK Catalog No. 2015.6.13302.
Always look on the back of the photo too...
Connecting the next generation

Redheart Billie

• Volunteer and Collections Department SWEP intern.

• Assisted with project (5 months).

• Plans to be SWEP intern summer 2019.
Selected project outcomes

• Always taking the opportunity to provide outreach to STOF community about this important resource.

• Featured project articles in *Seminole Tribune* and *AQ Quarterly*.

• Project featured at various public events and fairs.

• Project presentation at ATALM conference in October 2018.
Publicity

- Newspaper articles
- Newsletter articles
- Museum website blogs
Tangible Results

• 12,433 cataloged
• Photo-viewing events
• Requests
• Identifications
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