



THE NAVAJO NATION

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Laura Gilpin
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Dear Ms. Gilpin;

In October of last year I received a copy of a letter you sent to Mr. Link concerning a collection of photographs you had earlier donated to the Navajo Tribal Museum. In that letter you stated that Mr. Link was to retain custodianship of the photos until such time as the Navajo Tribe could provide for their proper care.

Because you donated these photos long before I became associated with the Navajo Tribal Museum, I am not clear as to the exact conditions of the original transaction. I have not been able to get in touch with Mr. Link, but thought it might be just as easy to contact you directly. Specifically I would like to know exactly how many photographs you donated and whether they are housed here at the Museum or are being held by Mr. Link. I located nine matted photographs (all from The Enduring Navajo) but have no idea if this represents all of them in our possession or not.

In the near future, I hope to start cataloguing the many stray photos as well as those that have already been indexed in our collections. This will make our collection far more useful for anyone doing research requiring photo documentation. At the same time I hope to obtain better storage for the collection using archival storage materials.

I will appreciate any information you can give me regarding this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Russell P. Hartman

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