

# **Guide to the John Willis Photographs of Arizona, Nebraska, New Mexico, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and South Dakota**

**WA Photos Folio 185**



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**CALL NUMBER:** WA Photos Folio 185

**CREATOR:** Willis, John, 1957- , photographer

**TITLE:** Photographs of Arizona, Nebraska, New Mexico, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and South Dakota

**DATES:** 2014-2015

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 18.34 linear feet (11 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Inscriptions in English.

**SUMMARY:** Inkjet prints of photographs by John Willis that document sites and persons in Arizona, Nebraska, New Mexico, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and South Dakota, 2013-2015. Most 101 inkjet prints depict landscapes and homes at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and formed part of a traveling one-day exhibition by John Willis and Brent Sturlaugson, *House/Home: A Work in Progress*, 2015-2016.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from John Willis on the Walter McClintock Memorial Fund, 2015.

## Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

John Willis, Photographs of Arizona, Nebraska, New Mexico, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and South Dakota. Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

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## John Willis (born 1957)

John Willis is a documentary photographer and instructor of photography at Marlboro College in Marlboro, Vermont. His monographs include *Recycled Realities*, co-authored with Tom Young (Center for American Places, 2002) and *Views from the Reservation* (Center for American Places, 2010). Willis has photographs in the permanent collections of the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, among others. He is also a co-founder with Bill Ledger of the In-Sight Photography Project, a photography outreach project to youth in Brattleboro, Vermont.

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## Brent Sturlaugson

Brent Sturlaugson is an architect and Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky College of Design.

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Photographs of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation comprise views of communities including Allen, Kyle, Manderson, Oglala, Pine Ridge, Porcupine, Potato Creek, and Wounded Knee. Many of the landscape images document trailers, homes, and other buildings in winter. Portraits of individuals include members of the White Mouse family as well as female prisoners at the Adult Offenders Facility operated by the Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Corrections.

Photographs of sites in Arizona include a view of a weathered United States flag at the Navajo Military Graveyard in Window Rock and a landscape at Homolovi State Park.

Photographs of sites in Nebraska and New Mexico consist of single images for each. These include building with graffiti in Whiteclay, Nebraska, and view of missiles at the White Sands Missile Museum in White Sands, New Mexico.

Photographs of South Dakota consist of a few views of buildings and a landscape in Scenic.

Signed, titled, and dated by the photographer on versos of prints.

## **Arrangement**

Organized into six series: I. Exhibition Material, 2015-2016. II. Arizona, 2013-2015. III. Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, 2014-2015. IV. Scenic, South Dakota, 2014. V. Whiteclay, Nebraska, 2014. VI. White Sands, New Mexico, 2015.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Exhibition Material, 2016

Statement for a traveling one-day exhibition by John Willis and Brent Sturlaugson, *House/Home: A Work in Progress*, 2015-2016. It was partially funded with support from the Vermont Arts Council.

b.1 (Oversize), f. Exhibition Statement  
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2016

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## Series II: Arizona, 2013–2015

Series II is arranged alphabetically.

b.1 (Oversize), f. <i>Homolovi State Park</i> 2	2013
b.1 (Oversize), f. <i>Saguaro National Park</i> 3-9	2013
b.1 (Oversize), f. <i>Navajo Veterans' Cemetery</i> 10	2015

**Series III: Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, 2014–2015**

Series III is organized into ten subseries: Allen, American Horse Road, Kyle, Kyle Housing, Manderson, Oglala, Pine Ridge, Porcupine, Potato Creek, and Wounded Knee.

Allen		
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 11	<i>Tribal President Elections</i>	2014
American Horse Road		
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 12	<i>Corner of American Horse Road and Three Mile Creek Road</i>	2014
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 13	<i>Dawn</i>	2014
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 14	<i>Katrina Trailer House</i>	2014
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 15-21	Untitled	2014
Kyle		
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 22-24	<i>Allen Road</i>	2014
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 25-26	<i>Dawn</i>	2014
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 27	<i>Federal Emergency Management Agency Trailer</i>	2015
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 28	<i>Head Start Playground, Piya Waconi Road</i> Head Start program at this location is administered by Oglala Lakota College.	2015
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 29	<i>Housing by the Little Wound School</i>	2014
b. 4 (Oversize), f. 30	<i>Medicine Root District Elections</i>	2014
b. 4 (Oversize), f. 31-33	<i>No Flesh Road</i>	2014
b. 4 (Oversize), f. 34	<i>No Flesh Road</i>	2015
b. 4 (Oversize), f. 35	<i>North Route</i>	2014
b. 4 (Oversize), f. 36-37	<i>Off the Allen Road</i>	2014
b. 4 (Oversize), f. 38-39	<i>Three Mile Corner</i>	2014



## Kyle (continued)

b. 5 (Oversize), f. 40-48	Untitled	2014
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 49-51	Untitled	2015
Kyle Housing		
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 52	<i>Dawn</i>	2014
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 53	<i>Painted Over Graffiti</i>	2014
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 54-55	<i>Pre-Dawn</i>	2014
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 56	<i>Sunrise</i>	2014
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 57	<i>Sunset</i>	2015
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 58	Untitled	2014
Manderson		
b. 7 (Oversize), f. 59-63	Untitled	2014
b. 7 (Oversize), f. 64	Untitled	2015
Oglala		
b. 7 (Oversize), f. 65	<i>Bureau of Indian Affairs Route 18</i>	2014
b. 7 (Oversize), f. 66	<i>Tornado Trailers</i>	2014
Pine Ridge		
b. 7 (Oversize), f. 67	<i>Bureau of Indian Affairs Route 2 and Route 18</i>	2014
b. 8 (Oversize), f. 68-69	<i>Bureau of Indian Affairs Route 18</i>	2014
b. 8 (Oversize), f. 70	<i>Katrina House</i> No manuscript inscription date designation on verso.	2014-2015
b. 8 (Oversize), f. 71-72	<i>Oglala Sioux Tribal Adult Correctional Facility</i> Portraits of female prisoners at the Adult Offenders Facility operated by the Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Corrections.	2014
b. 8 (Oversize), f. 73	<i>Route 18 East of Pine Ridge</i>	2014

## Pine Ridge (continued)

b. 8 (Oversize), f. 74	<i>Trashed Trailer Home</i>	2014
b. 8 (Oversize), f. 75-76	Untitled	2014
b. 8 (Oversize), f. 77	Untitled	2015
Porcupine		
b. 9 (Oversize), f. 78	<i>Bureau of Indian Affairs Route 2 and Route 18</i>	2014
b. 9 (Oversize), f. 79	<i>Near Evergreen</i>	2014
b. 9 (Oversize), f. 80	Untitled	2014
b. 9 (Oversize), f. 81	Untitled	2015
Potato Creek		
b. 9 (Oversize), f. 82	<i>Manny in his Spiderman Costume</i>	2014
b. 9 (Oversize), f. 83	<i>Celinda Morrison and Grandchild</i>	2014
b. 9 (Oversize), f. 84	<i>Junction Bureau of Indian Affairs Route 2 and South Dakota Route 44 East of Potato Creek.</i>	2015
b. 9 (Oversize), f. 85-87	<i>Potato Creek Housing</i>	2014
b. 10 (Oversize), f. 88	<i>Potato Creek Housing</i>	2015
Wanblee		
b. 10 (Oversize), f. 89	<i>Crazy Horse School</i>	2014
b. 10 (Oversize), f. 90	<i>Graduation Quilt Being made by Marion White Mouse</i>	2015
b. 10 (Oversize), f. 91	<i>Andrew (Andie) White Mouse</i>	2015
b. 10 (Oversize), f. 92-93	<i>Chubb White Mouse</i>	2015
b. 10 (Oversize), f. 94-95	<i>Katie White Mouse</i>	2014
b. 10 (Oversize), f. 96	<i>Katie White Mouse and Her Family</i>	2014

Wounded Knee

b. 10 (Oversize),  
f. 97

Untitled

2014

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**Series IV: Scenic, South Dakota, 2014**

Series IV is arranged alphabetically.

b. 11 (Oversize), f. 98	<i>Pine Ridge Reservation Border with Scenic</i>	2014
b. 11 (Oversize), f. 99	<i>Scenic Bar</i> View of the Longhorn Saloon.	2014
b. 11 (Oversize), f. 100	Untitled	2014

## **Series V: Whiteclay, Nebraska, 2014**

b.11 (Oversize), Untitled  
f.101

2014

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## Series VI: White Sands, New Mexico, 2015

b. 11 (Oversize), *White Sands Missile Museum*  
f. 102

2015

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## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Subjects

Indians of North America -- South Dakota --  
Pine Ridge Indian Reservation -- Pictorial works  
Indians of North America -- South Dakota --  
Pine Ridge Indian Reservation -- Portraits  
Oglala Indians -- Portraits  
Prisoners -- South Dakota -- Pine Ridge Indian  
Reservation -- Portraits  
Public housing -- United States -- Pictorial  
works

### Acquired From

Willis, John, 1957- , bookseller

### Geographic Names

Allen (S.D.) -- Pictorial works  
Arizona -- Pictorial works  
Homolovi State Park (Ariz.) -- Pictorial works  
Kyle (S.D.) -- Pictorial works  
Manderson (S.D.) -- Pictorial works  
Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah --  
Pictorial works  
Nebraska -- Pictorial works  
New Mexico -- Pictorial works  
Oglala (S.D.) -- Pictorial works  
Oglala Sioux Tribe -- Pictorial works  
Pine Ridge (S.D.) -- Pictorial works  
Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (S.D.) -- Pictorial  
works  
Porcupine (S.D.) -- Pictorial works  
Potato Creek (S.D.) -- Pictorial works  
Saguaro National Park (Ariz.) -- Pictorial works  
Scenic (S.D.: Township) -- Pictorial works  
South Dakota -- Pictorial works  
Whiteclay (Neb.) -- Pictorial works  
Wounded Knee (S.D.) -- Pictorial works

### Genres / Formats

Inkjet prints  
Photographs

### Names

Sturlaugson, Brent , associated name