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**National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum Receives Grant to Launch  
Digitization of Native American Art and Archival Collections**

*Henry Luce Foundation will fund the digitization of one of the largest collections of  
Native American art from the 19th and 20th centuries*

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum is pleased to announce it has been awarded a \$225,000 grant by the Henry Luce Foundation to fund the digitization of the Arthur and Shifra Silberman Native American art and research collection.

The Silberman collection was purchased by the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in 1996 and is one of the most concise and encyclopedic holdings – both nationally and internationally – of Native American paintings and archival records of the 19th and 20th centuries. The collection includes works on paper canvas, woodblock prints, lithographs, mixed media, literature, audio recordings, artists interviews, photographs, drawings, sketches, and numerous other mediums representing 238 artists from 70 different nations.

“From an institutional perspective, we’re excited about the opportunity to share this significant collection with an even wider audience,” said Eric Singleton, Curator of Ethnology at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. “My hope is that the digitization of the Museum’s Native American collection will provide the public with a more accurate view the American West.”

The project is estimated to take over 18 months and will be available to the public through the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum’s website on a dedicated and searchable collections webpage.

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**About the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum**

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City is America’s premier institution of Western history, art and culture. Founded in 1955, the Museum collects, preserves and exhibits an internationally renowned collection of Western art and artifacts while sponsoring dynamic educational programs to stimulate interest in the enduring legacy of the American West. The Museum is located only six miles northeast of downtown Oklahoma City at 1700 Northeast 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. For more information, visit [nationalcowboymuseum.org](http://nationalcowboymuseum.org).

