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Preliminary guide to the Inuit Vocabulary in Powell's  
*Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages*

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Inuit Vocabulary in Powell's <i>Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages</i>
<b>Date:</b>	1878 August 4-1880 August 5
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.2013-15
<b>Creator:</b>	Schwatka, Frederick, 1849-1892 Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902
<b>Extent:</b>	0.17 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	Multiple languages .

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## Administrative Information

### Content Description

Donated by Dr. George Clemans (Bowling Green State University) through Igor Krupnik.

### Preferred Citation

MS 2013-15 Inuit Vocabulary in Powell's *Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages*, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

### Restrictions

MS 2013-15 The Inuit Vocabulary in Powell's *Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages* is open for research. Access to the material requires an appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

Lt. Frederick Schwatka (1849-1892) attended Willamette University and West Point Military Academy. He served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Cavalry in the Dakota Territory, while studying medicine and law, receiving a medical degree in 1875. From 1878-1880 he led an expedition sponsored by the American Geographical Society to search for remains of the lost Sir John Franklin's expedition in arctic Canada. Schwatka made three more arctic trips, and another later in Mexico, before his death in 1892.

Biography courtesy of: Krupnik, Igor. "COMING HOME...AFTER 130 YEARS: LT. FREDERICK SCHWATKA'S AIVILINGMIUT VOCABULARY RETURNS TO SMITHSONIAN." *Arctic Studies Center Newsletter* 21 (April 2014): 22-24.

## Scope and Contents

Filled in by Lieutenant Frederick Schwatka among the Inuit in the Northwest Hudson Bay region during an American Geographical Society sponsored trip to the area from 1878-1880. Contains 500-600 Inuit words and terms in addition to some textual pages.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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Subjects:

Inuit language

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts