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Willie Knutsen photographs of caches  
and a grave in Nunavut, circa 1940-1948

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Willie Knutsen photographs of caches and a grave in Nunavut
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1940-1948
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.2005-13
<b>Creator:</b>	Knutsen, Willie, d. 1992
<b>Extent:</b>	Film roll : (35 mm)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Donated by Willie Knutsen to the United States National Museum in 1949 (accession 183098).  
Transferred to the National Anthropological Archives in 2004.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional Willie Knutsen photographs held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 24  
and the Henry Bascom Collins, Jr. papers.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Artifacts donated by Knutsen held in the collections of the anthropology department, National  
Museum of Natural History in accession 183098.

### Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 2005-13, Willie Knutsen photographs of caches and a grave in Nunavut, National  
Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

The collection is open for research.  
Access to the collection requires an appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

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## Biographical Note

Willie Knutsen (circa 1912-1992) was born in Brooklyn but grew up in Oslo, Norway. In 1936, he started a career as arctic explorer and leader of scientific enterprises. Highlights of Knutson's work include the Norwegian-French Germania Land Expedition of 1938-1939 and his discovery and initial excavation of archeological sites in Greenland. One of the sites discovered by Knutsen on the Silvia Grinnell River was later excavated by Henry Bascom Collins.

## Scope and Contents

Images of caches and an Inuit grave near Iqaluit, Baffin Island, Nunavut.

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NAA Photo Lot 2005-13, USNM ACC 183098

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

Arctic peoples  
Inuit

### Cultures:

Arctic peoples  
Inuit

### Types of Materials:

Photographs

### Places:

Nunavut

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