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Photographs of Henry Bascom Collins
in the Arctic, circa 1929, 1936, 1955

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Photographs of Henry Bascom Collins in the Arctic
Date:	circa 1929, 1936, 1955
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.86-43
Extent:	8 Copy prints
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Photographs donated by William F. Fitzhugh.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional prints made for the 1981 National Smithsonian Associates' tour to Alaska can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 86-42.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs of Collins in the Arctic can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 8, Photo Lot 24, Photo Lot 82-23, and Photo Lot 86-59.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Anthropological Archives holds Collins's papers, a recording of his tour of Eskimo collections on exhibit (MS 2011-36), and William W. Fitzhugh's material concerning Henry Bascom Collins (MS 7525).

Location of Other Archival Materials

Footage of Yupik community life, made by Collins, can be found in the Human Studies Film Archives in HSFA 82.6.1.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Smithsonian Institution Archives holds audio recordings of oral history interviews with Collins (SIA RU009528) and images of Collins in the Arctic.

Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 86-43, Photographs of Henry Bascom Collins in the Arctic, 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.

Biographical Note

Henry B. Collins began his career in anthropology as an assistant on Neil M. Judd's 1922-1924 expeditions to Pueblo Bonito in New Mexico. In 1924, he became an aid in the United States National Museum Division of Ethnology, and later was appointed to assistant curator, associate curator, and archeologist emeritus. He was also a senior ethnologist and later acting director for the Bureau of American Ethnology. Between 1927 and 1936, Collins did field work on the Bering Sea area and the Arctic coasts of Alaska, studying influences of Eskimo culture. His field work later expanded eastward to Baffin, Cornwallis, and Southampton islands during the period 1948-1955.

Scope and Contents

Photographs made on the 1936 expedition to Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, and at Southampton Island, Canada in 1954 or 1955. They include images of Henry Bascom Collins and others gathering bone and botanical specimens and travelling in a umiak. The collection was gathered for use by the Smithsonian National Associates' tour of Alaska in 1981, which was led by Collins and William F. Fitzhugh.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 86-43

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Arctic peoples
Eskimos

Cultures:

Arctic peoples
Eskimos

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Brandt, G. Herman
Collins, Henry B. (Henry Bascom), 1899-1987

Places:

Prince of Wales Island (Alaska)
Southampton Island (Nunavut)

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Alaskan Eskimo
Inuit