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## Petrus Buleni Fau photographs of Nias funeral, 1985

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Petrus Buleni Fau photographs of Nias funeral
<b>Date:</b>	1985
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.88-31
<b>Creator:</b>	Fau, Petrus Buleni
<b>Extent:</b>	19 Color copy slides
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Loaned by Jerome A. Feldman through Paul Taylor for copying, 1988.

### Location of Originals

Originals retained by Hyasinta Fau, daughter of the deceased.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs of Nias people donated by Jerome Feldman can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 90-28.

### Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 88-31, Petrus Buleni Fau photographs of Nias funeral, 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

Jerome Feldman, who collected the photographs, is a professor of art history at Hawaii Pacific University, Hawaii Loa campus. He specializes in tribal Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands and conducted field studies in remote islands of Indonesia and Polynesia. He also helped design several exhibitions about the area including the Volkenkundig Museum Nusantara's "Nias Tribal Treasures" and the Smithsonian-sponsored "Beyond the Java Sea."

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## Scope and Contents

Photographs made by Petrus Buleni Fau documenting the funeral ceremony for Samogo Fau, a noble elder of Bawomataluo village in South Nias. They include images of processionalists, spectators, and Fau's grave.

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 88-31

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## Reproduction Note

Copy slides made by Smithsonian Institution, 1988.

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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:

- Funeral rites and ceremonies
- Niasese (Indonesian people)

### Cultures:

- Niasese (Indonesian people)

### Types of Materials:

- Photographs

### Places:

- Nias Island (Indonesia)