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Paul and Astrid Oscanyan photograph collection  
relating to Iceland and Greenland, undated

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Paul and Astrid Oscanyan photograph collection relating to Iceland and Greenland
<b>Date:</b>	undated
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.89-2
<b>Creator:</b>	Oscanyan, Paul (Collector)
<b>Extent:</b>	10 Prints (silver gelatin) 1 Volume 6 Colored prints 7 Prints (color halftone)
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The collection was placed on loan in the Valentine Museum, Richmond, Virginia, 1942. It was donated by Paul and Astrid Oscanyan to the Smithsonian in 1982, as part of accession 356736. Photo lot 89-2 was sent to the archives by the Processing Lab in 1988.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Artifacts donated by the Oscanyans can be found in the Department of Anthropology in accession 356736.

### Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 89-2, Paul and Astrid Oscanyan photograph collection relating to Iceland and Greenland, 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

Paul Oscanyan was a member of the University of Michigan Greenland Expeditions in 1927-1928.

## Scope and Contents

Collection of photographs made or collected by Paul and Astric Oscanyan relating to Iceland and Greenland. They include Jon Helgason's work on Reykjavik between 1786 and 1936, with photographic plates and copies of drawings; reproductions of paintings by Emanuel A. Petersen of Eskimo or Inuit settlements and boats on or near the coast of Greenland; and photographs of Greenland, possibly made or collected by Paul Oscanyan during the Michigan Greenland Expeditions. One photograph mount has a handwritten letter on its verso, from November 1939.

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NAA Photo Lot 89-2, USNM ACC 356736

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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
- Dogsledding
- Eskimos
- Inuit

### Cultures:

- Arctic peoples
- Eskimos
- Inuit

### Names:

- Jón Helgason, 1866-1942 (author)
- Oscanyan, Astrid
- Petersen, Emanuel A. (Emanuel Aage), 1894-1948

### Places:

- Arctic regions -- Discovery and exploration
- Greenland
- Reykjavík (Iceland)