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Joseph Cramer photographs of Aleutian
Island archeological specimens
collected by Oscar T. Lewis, undated

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Joseph Cramer photographs of Aleutian Island archeological specimens collected by Oscar T. Lewis
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.92-11
Creator:	Cramer, Joseph (Photographer)
Extent:	41 Prints (silver gelatin)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Joseph Cramer, along with 371 artifacts collected by Lewis, to the National Museum of Natural History in 1991 (accession 390872). Transferred to the National Anthropological Archives 1992.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Pictured specimens and others collected by Oscar T. Lewis held in the Department of Anthropology collections in accession 390872.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Museum of the Rockies in Montana holds the Joseph L. Cramer and Oscar T. Lewis Collection of artifacts found in Eastern Montana.

Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 92-11, Joseph Cramer photographs of Aleutian Island archeological specimens collected by Oscar T. Lewis, 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

Oscar T. Lewis was a self-taught archeologist who worked as foreman on excavations in the United States. He was foreman of the Works Project Administration excavation of Pictograph Cave and Glendive in the 1930s and 1940s. Additionally, Lewis worked in the 1940s as foreman during the construction of a filtration plant at the United States Air Force base on the southeast shore of Semya Island, Aleutian Islands. When

the construction exposed an archeological site, Lewis conducted preliminary excavations. In 1953, Lewis gave his collection of artifacts to his friend, Joseph Cramer, a mining geologist interested archeology and American Indians. Lewis died in 1963.

Scope and Contents

Photographs and notes made by Joseph Cramer documenting archeological work of Oscar T. Lewis. They include images of bone, ivory, and stone tools and human skeletal remains, collected by Oscar T. Lewis on the southeast side of Shemya Island, Semichi Island Group of the Aleutian Islands.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 92-11, USNM ACC 390872

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Lewis, Oscar T. (artifact collector)

Places:

Alaska -- Antiquities
Shemya Island (Alaska)