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Ford-Bartlett East Greenland
Expedition photograph collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Ford-Bartlett East Greenland Expedition photograph collection
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.001.005
Date:	1928-1930
Extent:	7 Photographic prints 5 copy negatives
Creator:	Ford-Bartlett East Greenland Expedition 1930 Bartlett, Bob, 1875-1946
Language:	English
Summary:	The photographs and negatives consists of views of the Ford-Bartlett expedition to East Greenland.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Most of the photographs were part of the field collection received by the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation in 1930. It is unclear when the two portraits of Bartlett arrived at the museum, it was likely around the same time.

Processing Information

Processed by Heather Shannon, Photo Archivist in 2012. Updated by Rachel Menyuk, Processing Archivist, in 2019.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

For more than 50 years and on more than 40 expeditions, Captain Robert "Bob" Bartlett sailed, explored, and mapped the Arctic. During the Great Depression, in order to finance his cruises, Bartlett frequently collaborated with scientific institutions, including with the Museum of the American Indian for the 1930 Bartlett East Greenland Expedition. Led by Bartlett and financed by Museum trustee James B. Ford (1844-1928) for the Museum, the expedition allowed anthropologist Junius Bird (1907-1982) to conduct archaeological excavations of Eskimo ruins on Shannon Island and Clavering Island. Co-authored by Bartlett and Bird, "The Bartlett East Greenland Expedition" appeared in the July 1931 issue of Geographical review.

Scope and Contents

The Ford-Bartlett East Greenland Expedition collection consists of photographic prints and negatives directly and indirectly related to the 1930 expedition. Included are two toned silver gelatin (DOP) studio portraits of Captain Robert (Bob) Bartlett, leader of the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation-sponsored expedition like taken sometime in the 1920s. The photographs from the Ford-Bartlett expedition itself include images of Captain Bartlett trading with Tunumiit (Ammassalimiut Eskimo) men as well as several views of Tunumiit men in kayaks, both pulling up to and fishing near the expedition schooner. The photographer is unknown. The collection also contains a World Wide Photo Co. negative and print from it of Bartlett's schooner, the Effie M. Morrissey. The negatives are copy negatives made by the Museum of the American Indian, Heye foundation during a large photograph conservation project in the 1960s.

Scope and Contents

Prints: P09530-P09531, P09832-P09835, P11455. Negatives: N18774-N18775, N36485-N36487.

Arrangement

Prints are arranged in two folders; Ford-Bartlett expedition (Folder 1) and Portraits of Robert Bartlett (Folder 2). Negatives Arranged by catalog number.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Ammassalimiut Eskimos -- Fishing -- Greenland -- Photographs
Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) [Ammassalik] (Angmagsalik Eskimo)

Cultures:

Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) [Ammassalik] (Angmagsalik Eskimo)

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white negatives
Photographic prints
Photographs
Photographs -- Silver gelatin prints

Geographic Names:

Greenland

Container Listing

- Photo-folder 1 P09832: Captain Robert A. Bartlett trading on the Effie M. Morrissey, 1930
1 Photographic print
[Image\(s\)](#)
View of Captain Robert A. Bartlett, leader of the 1930 Ford-Bartlett East Greenland Expedition, trading with Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) men in a tipi-like structure on the deck of the schooner Effie M. Morrissey in Tunu (East Greenland).

Culture: Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) [Ammassalik] (Angmagsalik Eskimo)
- Photo-folder 1 P09833: Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) men in kayaks, 1930
1 Photographic print
1 copy negative
[Image\(s\)](#)
View of Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) men in kayaks with small sails, alongside the schooner Effie M. Morrissey during the 1930 Ford-Bartlett East Greenland Expedition. Small ice floes in background in Tunu (East Greenland).

Copy Negative: N36485

Culture: Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) [Ammassalik] (Angmagsalik Eskimo)
- Photo-folder 1 P09834: Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) man in a kayak, 1930
1 Photographic print
1 copy negative
[Image\(s\)](#)
Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) man in a kayak with inflated hide float and various harpoons and fishing equipment. Possibly a view from the schooner Effie M. Morrissey during the 1930 Ford-Bartlett East Greenland Expedition. Rocks in foreground, ice at sea's edge, and rocky mountains in the background in Tunu (East Greenland).

Copy Negative: N36486

Culture: Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) [Ammassalik] (Angmagsalik Eskimo)
- Photo-folder 1 P09835: Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) man in a kayak, 1930
1 Photographic print
1 copy negative
[Image\(s\)](#)
Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) man in a kayak with inflated hide float and various harpoons and fishing equipment. Possibly a view from the schooner Effie M. Morrissey during the 1930 Ford-Bartlett East Greenland Expedition. Rocks in foreground, ice at sea's edge, and rocky mountains in the background in Tunu (East Greenland).

Copy Negative: N36487

Culture: Tunumiit (East Greenland Eskimo) [Ammassalik] (Angmagsalik Eskimo)

Photo-folder 1

P09530: The Schooner Effie M. Morrissey, 1928

1 Photographic print

1 copy negative

[Image\(s\)](#)

View of the schooner Effie M. Morrissey owned by Captain Robert A. Bartlett, leader of the 1930 Ford-Bartlett East Greenland Expedition, on the water in Kitaa (West Greenland).

Copy Negative: N18775

Photo-folder 2

P09531: Portrait of Captain Robert A. Bartlett, circa 1928

1 Photographic print

1 copy negative

[Image\(s\)](#)

Studio profile portrait of the explorer Captain Robert A. Bartlett, leader of the 1930 Ford-Bartlett East Greenland Expedition.

Copy Negative: N18744

Photo-folder 2

P11455: Portrait of Captain Robert A. Bartlett, circa 1928

1 Photographic print

[Image\(s\)](#)

Studio portrait of the explorer Captain Robert A. Bartlett, leader of the 1930 Ford-Bartlett East Greenland Expedition. A dedication on the photograph is written to "Thea," Thea Heye, wife of George Gustav Heye, director of the Museum of the American Indian,