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Ottis C. Bobbitt collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Ottis C. Bobbitt collection
Date:	1940-1981
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.377
Creator:	Bobbitt, Ottis C., 1907-1994
Extent:	.2 Linear feet 153 Photographic prints 3 Photograph albums
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift of Carolyn Bobi Anderson, 2019.

Separated Materials

Man's Parka [27/226](#)

Walrus Ivory Bracelet [27/227](#)

Scrimshaw Bracelet [27/228](#)

Processing Information

Collection processed by Mattie Lewis, Archives Technician in 2024.

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Biographical / Historical

Ottis C. Bobbitt (1907-1994) was an observation meteorologist who worked for the U.S. Weather Bureau, now called the National Weather Service, for over 35 years. From 1940-1950 he was stationed in Alaska and traveled to the various weather stations in the region.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains photographs taken by Ottis C. Bobbitt's while living in Alaska. Images capture various weather stations, local villages, and wildlife. Photographs are all black and white, 3 x 5 inches or smaller. Also included is a map and narrative account of a four-week dog sled trip Bobbitt took from Point Hope to Point Barrow.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Bering Strait Inupiaq

Cultures:

Bering Strait Inupiaq

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Clippings, 1946-1981 .07 Linear feet Notes: This folder contains three newspaper clippings. The first one is about Ottis Bobbitt's collection of Iñupiaq objects. The other two are about bushpilots and Wein Air.
Box 1, Folder 2	Dogsled trip narrative, Circa 1945 .07 Linear feet Notes: This folder contains a written account by Ottis Bobbitt of a four week dogsled trip he took from Point Hope to Point Barrow.
Box 1, Folder 3	Dogsled trip map, Circa 1945 .07 Linear feet Notes: This folder contains a map of the route taken during the dogsled trip from Point Hope to Point Barrow.
Box 2; Box 3; Box 4; Photo-folder 1; Photo-folder 2; Photo-folder 3; Photo-folder 4; Photo-folder 5; Photo-folder 6; Photo-folder 7; Photo-folder 8; Photo-folder 9; Photo-folder 10; Photo-folder 11; Photo-folder 12; Photo-folder 13; Photo-folder 14; Photo-folder 15	Alaska Photographs, 1940-1950 153 Photographic prints 3 Photograph albums Notes: Black and white photographs of various locations in Alaska, most of which are unlabeled and undated. They depict landscapes, reindeer herding, fishing, landscapes, and Ottis Bobbitt's family.