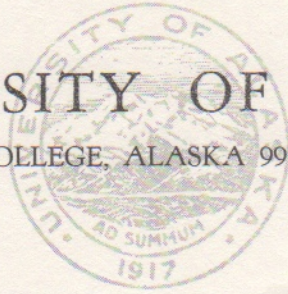


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COLLEGE, ALASKA 99701



Received from James Messick (donor)

of 1111 East Fifth (address), Anchorage (city), Alaska (state)

on this 30 day of January, 19 68, the materials described below, the

same being conveyed by the said James Messick (donor)

to the University of Alaska Museum as an unrestricted gift, and the property of the said institution.

## Description of material as follows:

Woman's mink fur parka with caiff skin trim; modern beadwork on back of hood and on tabs front and back of parka; ruff has mink, wolverine and wolf fur in it.

Donor's signature *James Messick*

Accepted by *[Signature]*

Museum Director

Accession No. 68-8 Provenience Kwethluk, Alaska

Date of receipt 30 January 1968 Accepted by Rowinski

Received from Mr. James Messick

Address 1111 East Fifth, Anchorage, Alaska

How acquired    Approval    Gift    Purchase    Exchange    Fieldwork  
                  Bequest    Loan    Other

Total value or price \_\_\_\_\_

Collector Mr. Messick

Source and time of collection Kwethluk, 1959

Remarks: The parka was acquired by Mr. Messick, when he taught in Kwethluk for the BIA. The beadwork is supposed to tell a story. The parka was made for a familys' daughter and when she outgrew it, he got it.

Catalog Numbers	Description (Name, culture, provenience, age, price)
68-8	Woman's mink parka; trimmed with calfskin; design on back of hood done in beads (modern)1; also beadwork on tabs with strips of fur on them; both on front and back of parka; ruff has mink, wolverine and wolf fur in it; ruff sewed on in three separate sections; 15-20 years old.

Mr L. J. Rowinski, Director  
University of Alaska Museum  
College, Alaska

68-8

Dear Mr. Rowinski

13 Feb 68

I received my copy of the picture presenting my parka to Dinah Wolfe today, and wish to say "Thanks very much." Also I noted the item about it in the "Nanook News." These small measures of recognition go along way in conveying appreciation to donors of items to the museum.

In the interim, I've determined the origin and related details of the parka. I purchased it in 1959 from Elizabeth and David K. Nicolai of Kuetluk. The parka had been made for their daughter Elizabeth who was attending Mt Edgecumbe, but who declined to use it since it would be out of place at Edgecumbe. A definite legend accompanies the parka which may be available from the Nicolai's, or from Marty or Moses Nicolai. David K. is her father-in-law. Marty and Moses Nicolai were personal friends of mine while I was in Kuetluk, and will remember me and the parka.

I hope this information will be useful. Please contact me if I may be of further service.

Sincerely,  
Jim Herrick

OBJECT:

Parka, *fur*ACC. NO. UA68-8 - 1*3. CLOTHING -- OUTERWEAR: parka*

OLD ACC. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PROVENIENCE:

Kwethluk, Alaska

FIELD NO. \_\_\_\_\_

*Perm. exhibit 1983*

CULTURE:

Eskimo *Yupik*

DATE OR PERIOD:

*purchased 1959*  
~~1950~~'s

IDENTIFICATION BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION (MEDIUM, TECHNIQUE, SHAPE, COLOR, DECORATION)

Woman's mink parka; trimmed with calfskin; design on back of hood done in modern beads; also beadwork on faps with strips of fur on them both front and back; ~~rxmf~~ ruff has mink, wolverine and wolf fur; ~~fr~~ ruff is sewed on in three separate sections; 15-20 years old; beadwork is supposed to tell a "story".

DONOR:

Mr. James Messick

PURCHASED FROM:

AMOUNT:

30 Jan 68

DATE REC'D:

REMARKS (COLLECTION HISTORY, REFERENCES, FILES, ETC.)

Parka acquired from a family in Kwethluk by Messick when he ~~xxx~~ taught there for the BIA in 1959.

*→ purch. from Elizabeth & David K. Nicolai*  
*Color slides taken June 76*





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Contact: 479-7581

Release Date: February 14, 1968

MINK PARKA - James Messick, right, last week donated this mink pelt parka to the University of Alaska Museum in College. Here he shows the parka to Museum Assistant Dinah Wolfe, left. While teaching school at Kwethluk, on the Kuskokwim River, Messick acquired the parka, made entirely of mink with intricate beadwork on the back of the hood. He is presently Assistant Coordinator of the Defense Education Program, part of the university's Division of Statewide Services.

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