

Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives Project: "Providing Access to the Archives of the American Geographical Society"

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AGS-NY Archives Storage



AGS-NY Archives Reading Room



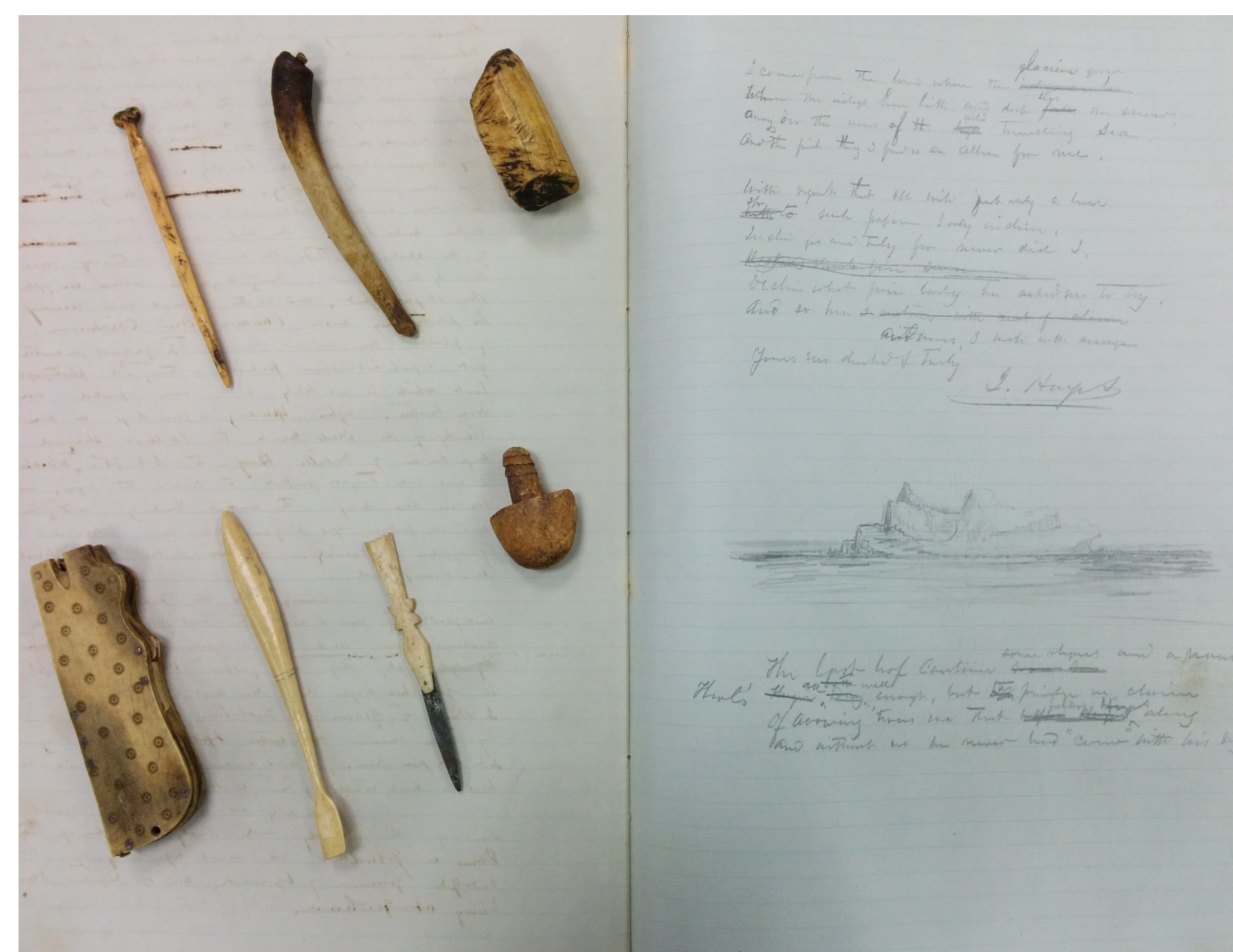
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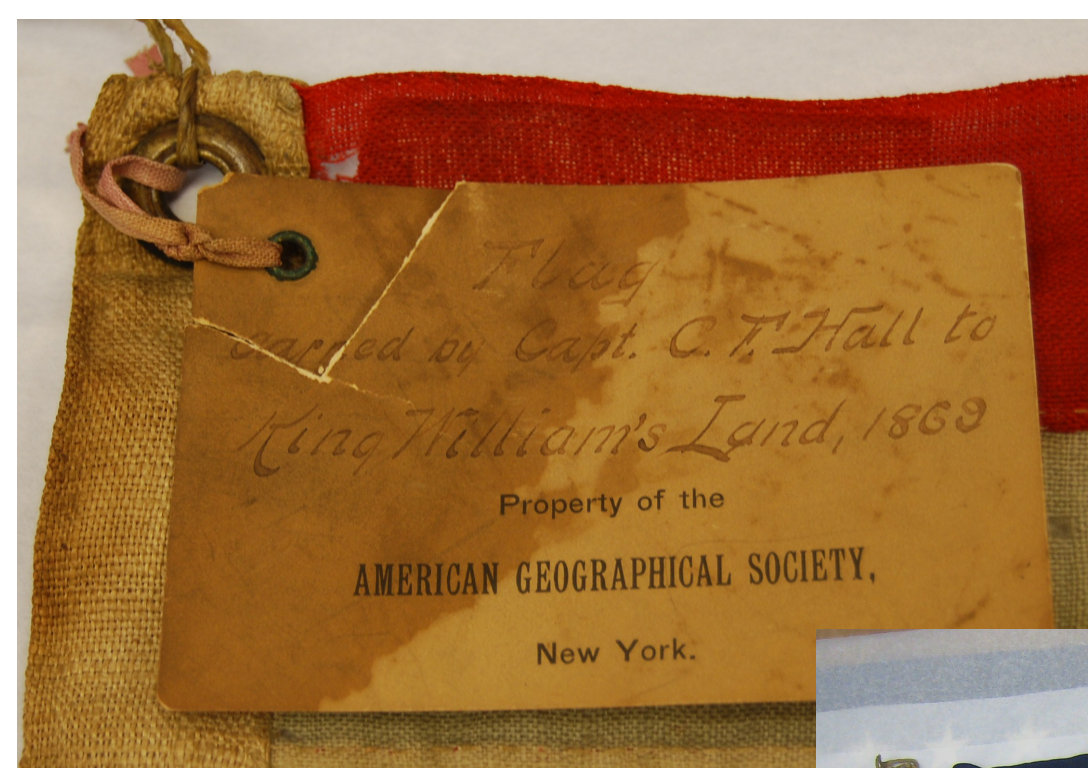
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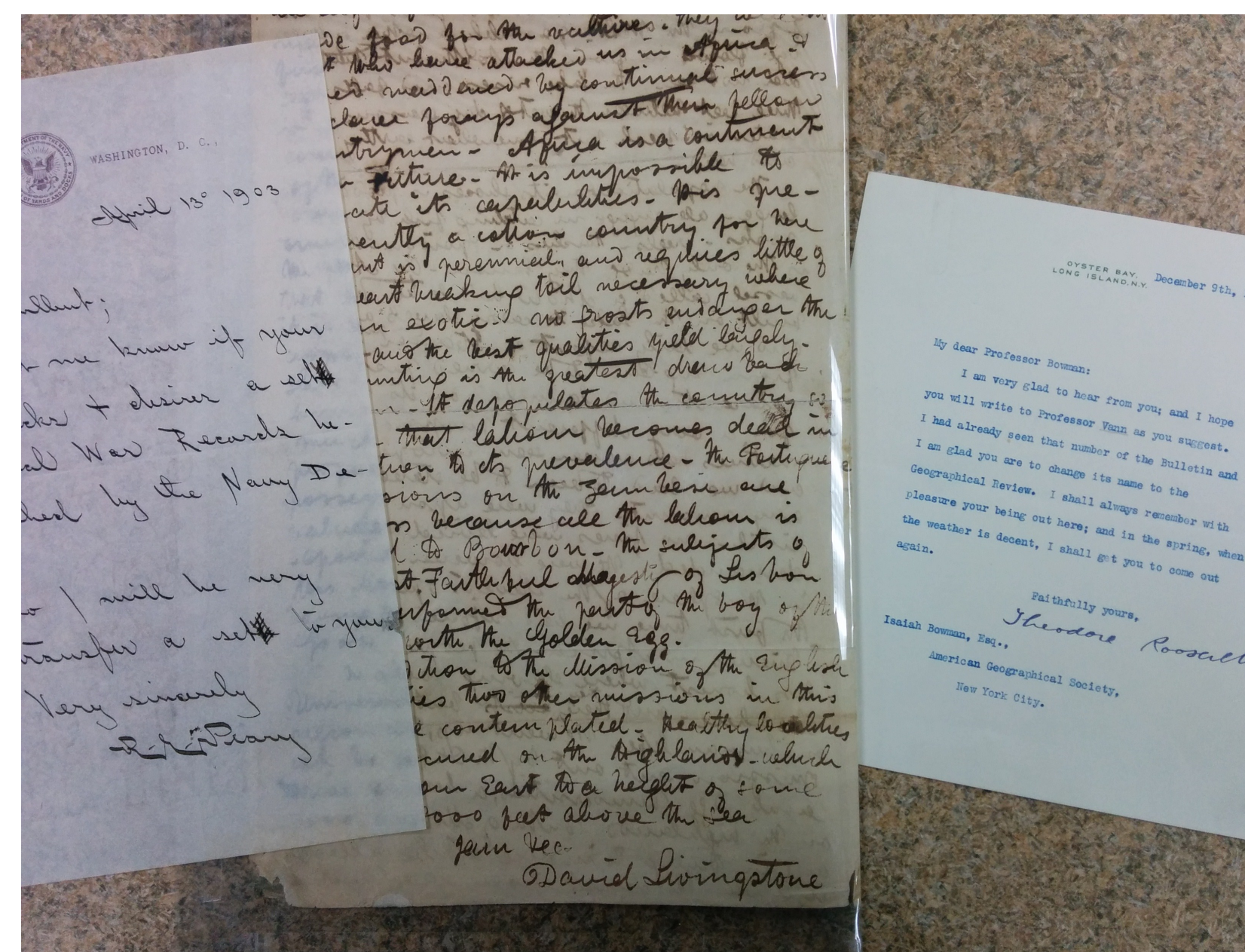
Inuit sketch by Robert Flaherty, circa 1913



I.I. Hayes Expedition artifacts and logbook, 1860



Flag from C.F. Hall's 2nd Polar Expedition, 1869



Early correspondence

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In late 2011, the UWM Libraries received a grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation through the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) to organize and process the Archives of the American Geographical Society.

These archives date from the Society's founding in 1851 and include approximately 350 cubic feet of material, with documents relating to well-known figures in American exploration and the larger field of geography from the mid-nineteenth century through most of the twentieth. Highlights include log books of early Arctic expeditions, the papers of Robert E. Peary (who served as President of the Society), the American flag carried by Capt. Charles Francis Hall on his second Polar Expedition, and correspondence with such individuals as David Livingstone, Franklin D. Roosevelt (a Councilor) and William H. Seward to name only a few.



Before & After:
Lincoln Ellsworth
lantern slides



Series: 8. Explorers and Expeditions, 1851-1976

Subseries: 8A. Antarctic, 1906-1976

Scope and Content Note: This subseries encompasses materials on expeditions to Antarctica, by explorers such as Lincoln Ellsworth, George Wilkins, and Richard Byrd, including their correspondence, photographs, and reports relating to their various expeditions as well as other general items. In some cases, there is information on how the AGS used the results from these expeditions for their own maps and publications. Additional photographs from some of these expeditions may also be in the AGSL Photograph Collection; please consult a staff member for more information.

Box	Folder	Description
Amundsen, Roald, South Pole Expedition: 1910-1912		
Box 262	Folder 1	correspondence, 1910-1912
Box 276		matchbox from expedition, 1912
Box 262	Folder 2	telegram of congratulations, 1912
Box 272	Folder 1	British Australian and New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition (BANZARE), photographs of scientific staff members, 1929-1931
Byrd, Richard E.		
Byrd Antarctic Expedition I: 1928-1930		
Box 262	Folder 3	"An Extension to the Methods of Plotting Oblique Aerial Photographs" by Harold E. Saunders, undated
Box 262	Folder 4	Byrd booklet, 1930, undated
Box 273	Folder 1	certificate acknowledging assistance of AGS, 1930
Box 262	Folder 5	correspondence, 1929-1930
Box 277		field notebook, 1929-1930
Box 262	Folder 6	flag carried on trip, 1929-1931
Box 262	Folder 7	geological party, angle book 1, 1929
Box 262	Folder 8	making of map, 1930-1932, undated
Box 272	Folder 2	photographs, 1932



Processing the collection: Sample of box and corresponding page in the finding aid