

Nilo Koponen Gives Siberian Eskimo Parkas

Two parkas used by the Chuckchee natives of Eastern Siberia are now on exhibit in the Bunnell Building on the University of Alaska campus.

The parkas are part of a collection of Chukchee articles donated to the University Museum by Dr. Nilo Koponen, principal of Barnette School in Fairbanks.

They were collected by his wife's stepfather Copley Amory Jr., in 1915 while on an expedition for the Smithsonian Institute.

Amory had been a member of a similar expedition to Alaska from 1912 to 1915.

One of the parkas is made of reindeer fawn skin. The other is of cotton mattress ticking, supplied by Russian traders. Both parkas are of typical Chuckchee design and have no hoods.