## **National Anthropological Archives & Human Studies Film Archives**

The National Anthropological Archives (NAA) and Human Studies Film Archives (HSFA) collect and preserve historical and contemporary anthropological materials that document the world's cultures and the history of anthropology.

#### **FUN FACTS ABOUT THE NAA**

Holds collection relating to the four fields: cultural/social anthropology, archaeology, physical/biological anthropology, and linguistics.

Is the oldest archives in the Smithsonian, dating to the 1879 founding of the Bureau of Ethnology and its archives.

Holds 13,000 cubic feet of collections, including over **1,000,000** photographs, **4000** sound recordings, over **5000** works of art, and over **7000** collections of anthropological manuscripts, personal papers, and organizational and institutional records.

#### **FUN FACTS ABOUT HSFA**

Holds 7,050,000 feet (**over 3,000 hours**) of archival original film, 1,500 hours of video tape, 250,000 still images—if you count frames of film, it's more like 14 billion.

Oldest film: Dixon-Wanamaker Expedition to Crow Agency, 1908.

Most unusual video format: 9.5mm - widely used in Europe as an amateur film format.

(Arguably) Most unusual film: Pig Decomposition Film, a 6 minute film made by Dr. Jerry Payne as part of his graduate work at Clemson University. This was the first "detailed" study of succession in animal decomposition.

Biggest single collection: John Marshall Ju/'hoan Bushman Film and Video Collection, 1950-2000, 714,405 feet (332 hours) of archival original film and 391 hours of original video.

#### LOCATION

The NAA and HSFA are located in the Smithsonian Institution's Museum Support Center in Suitland, Maryland, the primary collections and research center for the National Museum of Natural History.

#### **VISITING**

The NAA and HSFA are open to researchers by appointment Tuesday-Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, and staff are available to assist researchers remotely via email and telephone.

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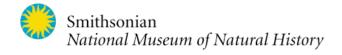
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## Tips for searching our online catalogs siris.si.edu and collections.si.edu

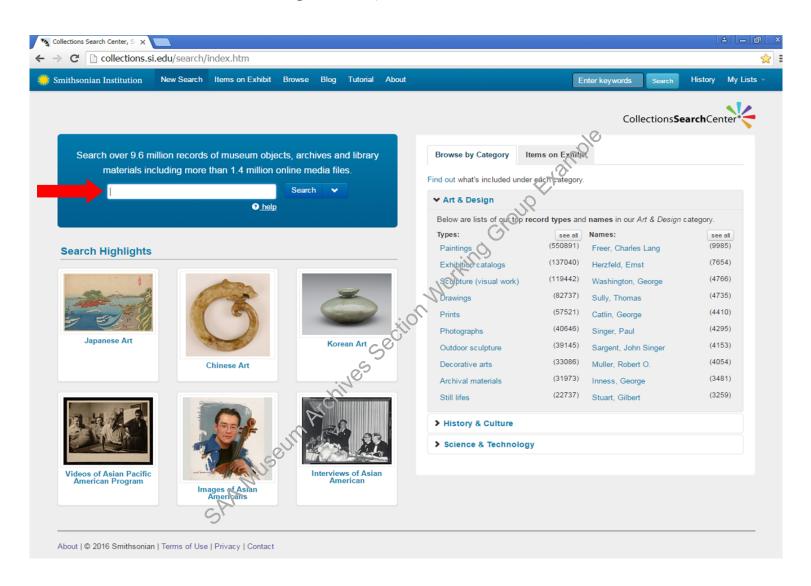
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# Search and explore the incredible collections of the NAA and HSFA through Collections Research Center

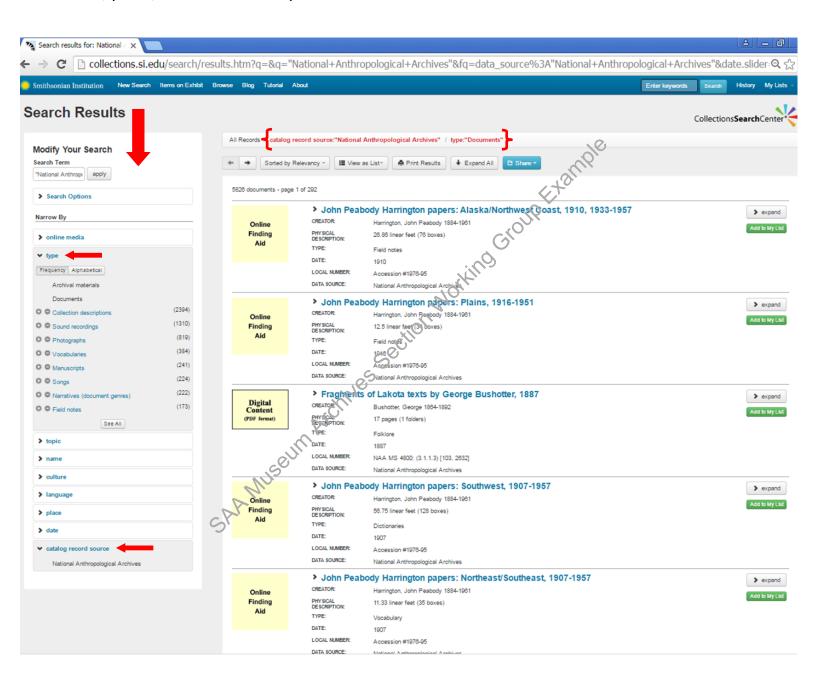
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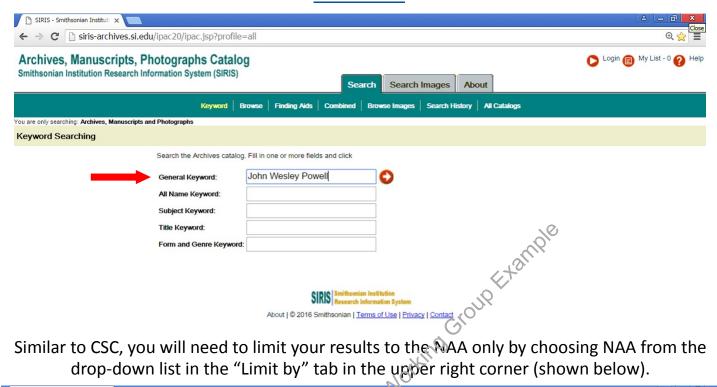
### Tips for searching:

The results will be from all Smithsonian institutions, so you can limit them to the "National Anthropological Archives" by selecting it in the "catalog record source" tab in the left bar menu (shown below). You can also limit your results by type (photographs, documents, etc.), date, culture, place, etc. Your search path will show above the results list.

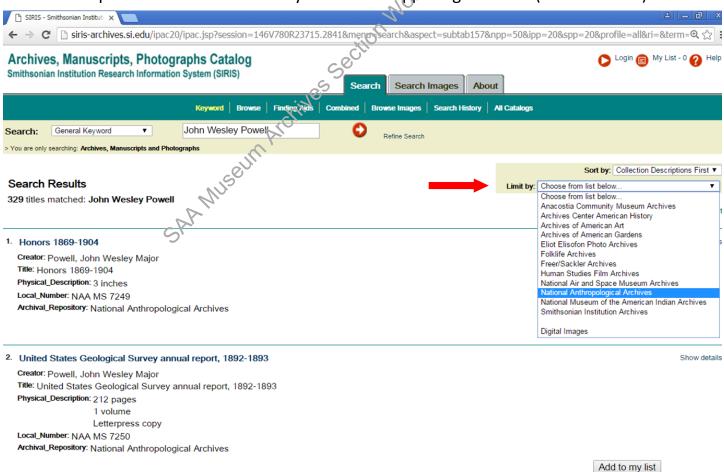


### The collections at the NAA and HSFA can also be searched through the Smithsonian's online catalog SIRIS

siris.si.edu



Similar to CSC, you will need to limit your results to the NAA only by choosing NAA from the drop-down list in the "Limit by" tab in the upper right corner (shown below).





The "cite as" field is the most useful piece of information needed for staff at the NAA and HSFA to locate the materials you are interested in:

