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ca.1950

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"Lapp children"

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A Lappish shop (Norway)

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20.5 x 26 cm.

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Halftone image of Sami men and women, one child, in a general store. Marked on verso "Please credit Norwegian Official Photo, Number W 7025."



Lapp hut in Gratangen (Gratangen, Norway)

ca.1950

20.5 x 26 cm.

2

Image of a Sami woman looking through the window of a sod hut. Marked on verso "Please credit Norwegian Official Photo, Number W 2237."



Two Lapp children (Norway)

ca.1950

26 x 20.5 cm.

3

Image of a Sami girl with infant in her Lapp, both wearing traditional outfits. Marked on verso "Please credit Norwegian Official Photo, Number W 7842."



Lapp girl drawing water at spring (Norway)

ca.1950

26 x 20.5 cm.

4

Image of a Sami girl with a metal can, collecting water from a spring. Marked on verso "Please credit Norwegian Official Photo, Number W 7843."



Lapp hut at north (Norway)

ca.1950

20.5 x 26 cm.

5

Image of a Sami sod hut in arctic landscape. Marked on verso "Please credit Norwegian Official Photo, Number W 2238."



In a Lapp tent (Norway)

ca.1950

20.5 x 26 cm.

6

Image of a Sami couple and child, seated inside a tent. Marked on verso "Please credit Norwegian Official Photo, Number W 6804."

From Lyngen. The Lapps have returned from exile: a Lapp herdsman building a slate (Lyngen, Norway)



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20.5 x 26 cm.

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Image of a Sami man building a sled in front of his tent. Marked on verso "Please credit Norwegian Official Photo, Number W 7839."



Lapps at Lyngen, North Norway (Lyngen, Norway)

ca.1950

26 x 20.5 cm.

8

Image of a two Sami men in conversation. Marked on verso "Please credit Norwegian Official Photo, Number W 2762."



Lapp herdsman building a sled (Norway)

ca.1950

26 x 20.5 cm.

9

Image of a Sami man working intently on a sled. Marked on verso "Please credit Norwegian Official Photo, Number W 7840."



Lapp women at the tent, north Norway (Norway)

ca.1950

26 x 20.5 cm.

10

Image of a two Sami women in traditional dress, talking, one holding a doll. Marked on verso "Please credit Norwegian Official Photo, Number W 7592."



Lapp mother with her baby, in the tent (Norway)

ca.1950

26 x 20.5 cm.

11

Image of a Sami mother holding her infant while standing in the entrance to her tent. Marked on verso "Please credit Norwegian Official Photo, Number W 7841."



Lapps in northern Norway, building a boat (Norway)

ca.1950

26 x 20.5 cm.

12

Image of a group of Sami men, with one infant, building a small boat. Marked on verso "Please credit Norwegian Official Photo, Number W 3192."

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The collection is open for research.

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