

which were more compact and light, but offered the same possibilities. Peary's choice of cameras was a continuing attempt to find, within the limits of the minimum 4 x 5 inch size, the most compact and light camera.

In every case the Kodak rollfilm cameras Peary chose were the best available compromise between the need of a compact and light equipment on the one hand and the minimum size of 4 x 5 inch on the other.

My conclusion is that Peary was able to take the

photographs he needed thanks to rollfilm photography. These photographs contributed essentially to the recognition of Peary's valuable work, the large public interest, and the financing of his expeditions. Photography was of major importance in the race to reach the North Pole

**Author's note:** The inhabitants of the region have been named Inuit in accordance with current practice, except where the word Eskimo was used in original sources. Peary himself used both names.

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