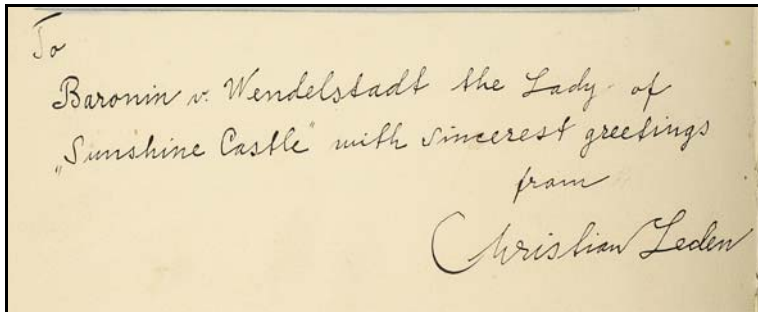


Christian Leden

*1882 +1957



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Christian Leden, a Norwegian anthropologist, went to Greenland in 1909 to record songs, and there he filmed and photographed Greenland's Indigenous people. In the process, he learned some rudimentary Inuktitut which served him well when he undertook a three-year expedition in the Keewatin along the West Coast of Hudson Bay between 1913 and 1916.

Leden wrote a book about his adventures which was first published in German in 1927.* In it he describes his method of collecting: "I go from house to house, pay visits, greet all the inhabitants of the camp, bargain for anthropological items. The Eskimos wonder what use I can make of the items I buy. Especially, it is beyond their comprehension how I come to prefer old, worn articles to new ones."*

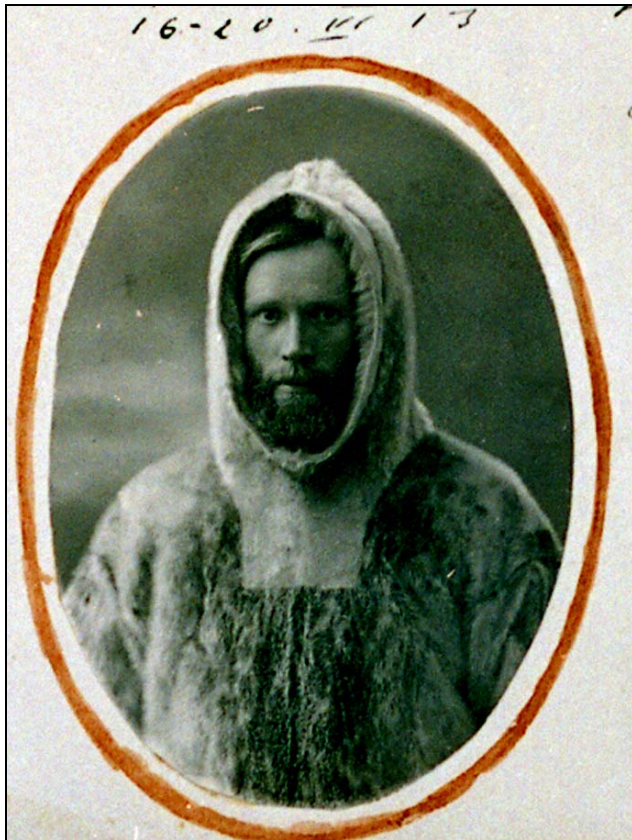
He also acknowledges the support he received from the Geological Survey. "[...] there are a good thousand articles for the Victoria Memorial in Ottawa. They are in acknowledgement for the help and support furnished by the Canadian government to my expedition. Its aid enabled me to prolong my ethnographic work over several years, despite the loss of most of my equipment in the shipwreck of the first autumn.**

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