

Selections from the Collection of Larry V. Nurre The following is a catalogue of my father's possessions
as I selected them after he passed away on December 31, 2017. This catalog is not
comprehensive but is curated to represent the collection as a whole.

Some of the items may be exhibited singularly.

The collection is best presented
as a sum of its parts,
two or more pieces in relationship so as to give the impression of

America
as collected by a conservative.



Carved Granite Sphere, date unknown. 2018. Granite. 4.5 x 4.5 x 4.5 inches.



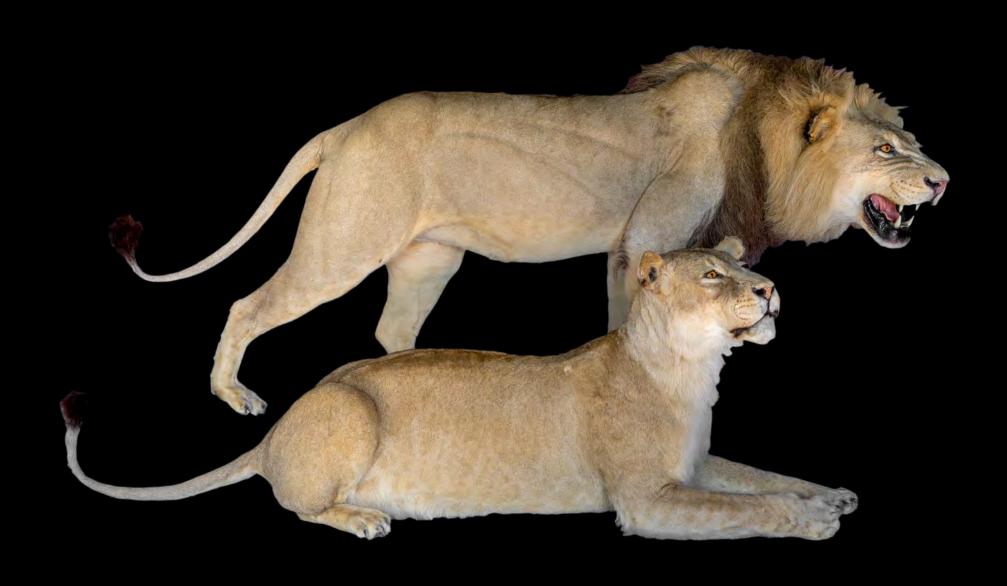
Toy truck with Southern Minnesota Construction logo and colors, acquired on the occasion of retirement from the company, circa 2010. 2018. Metal, plastic, paint. 12 x 17 x 6 inches.



Lariat Rope Lasso, early 2000s. 2018. Nylon rope, wax, leather. .5 x 360 inches.



American Buffalo, taken in South Dakota, USA, 2012. 2018. Buffalo taxidermy, arcylic, foam, plywood. 45 x 45 x 36 inches



African Lion and Lioness, taken in South Africa under the professional guidance of Tam Safaris, 2008. 2018. Lion taxidermy, arcylic, foam, paint and hardware. 54 x 96 x 40 inches, as a pair.







Corsican Ram, taken in Texas, circa 2013. 2018. Taxidermy, acrylic, plywood. 22 x 25.5 x 19 inches.



American Rifleman Magazine, bound by year, 1936-1965. 2018. pictured: 1950-1959 with limestone bookends. 11.25 x 29 x 8.75 inches.



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How to field dress game, and care for the meat and trophy

By Bert Popowski

Author's preference is to hang unskinned animal head-Author's preference is to hang unskinned animal headup in woods: blood and any body juices drain out more
completely that way. But when skinning, the tail-up
hanging is preferable for fastest and nearest job. Where
locker space is at a premium, a saw need be used only
on the saddle-ham separation, and on shoulders and
neck. Rest of carcass can be stripped of meat with knife
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from front of saddle to front of shoulders; stew meat
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such salvage of solid meat decreases locker space needed
by near 50% over traditional method of laboriously
sawing up whole carcass. Here are some tips:

(a) Cut off hind leg well below hock, else weight of carcass will loosen tendon and drop carcass to ground

(b) On big game larger than deer, the carcass must be halved on line AB, else choice meat at hams and shoulders will probably sour overnight, no matter how cold the weather

(c) Cut off saddle at extreme front end of ham bulges

(d) Line CC, just ahead of fourth rib (counting from rear of animal) is where careass is generally quartered if it is to be divided among several hunters

(e) Spreader stick holds body cavity open so meat cools out rapidly

(f) Front leg is pulled outward and cut off with knife.

No sawing is needed

(g) Save full length of neck for excellent roasts, stews

The butchers in modern packing has been shot in the four ways I've spark of life remains in him. mentioned, plus myriad others. Their tools consist only of hunting knives and a hatchet or small axe. And their cooltouch may cause to lash out ing room is the outdoors.

Their experience is on the short side. The first-timers may never have seen the insides of any animal bigger than according to the same general rules. a domestic chicken or a cottontail.

From dressing out well over a hundred big-game animals I have developed some basic rules.

Then pity the average camp of hunters who have to handle big game that a downed big-game animal. He may be I cannot urge first-time hunters too a downed big-game animal. He may be he offered his left hand for he dead, or he may be merely knocked out. BERT POPOWSKI of Custer, S. Dak., has In any case he's a big and strong piece hanted a variety of game animals for over 30 years in the United States and Canada.

are until you positively know that no I went out, saw a nice test.

after that lest a dying spass muscles coiled into a knot that

A rule not to be ignored

Ignoring that rule causes see ers to die, and more to be every year. I've been luckier had hunting friends.

One of them I met two days season opened on deer. He wa as if each leg had rusty jo was a raw scrape across his

"I've been hunting deer and I ought to know better my unasked question. "On ope

him down, set my rifle against a tree, pulled out my knife, and got hold of antlers to turn him over.

That buck came alive, jumped to his feet and ran right over me, knocking me flat. Then he turned back, shook his head, whuffed at me, and took off. I'll to hunting again in a week or so, and damn glad to be alive to do it. If he'd hit me with that headful of antler tines. smebody would have had to drag me out of the woods

After your game has been downed, approach carefully and see that he isn't Minking his eyes and that his flanks men't beaving with breathing. The appreach should always be made from behad the animal, from the uphill side, and with a fresh cartridge in the chamber and your finger on the trigger. Jab im lightly with the muzzle of your tile and, if there's any motion whatner, shoot him again,

Even when your buck is positively deal, use an extra minute to study him. If he's down so his hind legs are coiled inder him, jab that rifle muzzle in his fank. In the 1957 season I saw a hunter beked viciously by such hair-trigger nuscle. He got only two cracked ribs!

Use short, broad knife

The best hunting knife is short and aroad with a blade length of under six nches. It's razor-sharp, and has a tang blade And a light whetstone is valu-Me; the hunting knife is only half a of a carcass that was only field-dressed.

With the buck or bull safely dead, he first step is to find the killing shot. If is through the lungs the chest cavity will be full of blood. That would mess up the later field-dressing operations I carcass open right down the middle of

So I roll the critter on its back, head uphill, and drive my knife at a forward angle into the chest just behind the breastbone. If the knife angle is right. there's no chance of cutting into the snow's insulating qualities will trap contents of the paunch. That incision is opened to six to eight inches, and the animal is rolled over on its belly to ders and hams, whence come the best drain. If the blood doesn't run out free- cuts. If that isn't done even in extreme ly, use a twig or branch to hold the drainage open. With hind and front legs while that in the center of the hams is spread, the animal will not roll. It still warm. It must be exposed so it will shouldn't take over a minute to empty cool freely in all directions out that gallon or so of blood in this

While the beast is draining is the time to decide whether the head is of trophy or decorative quality, or whether this is only a meat animal. That is some-

thing only the happy hunter can decide.

Another problem to be solved is how to keep dust and debris from fouling the body cavity and the meat. Trophy or meat animal, the less meat you expose to dirt, twigs, and pine needles, the better it will handle on your cuttingand-packaging bench and the more flavorful it will be on the dining table.

The final decision is one I'll make for the hunter. On large big-game animals, from elk on up, you will have to quarter the carcass, or at least split it right down the middle of the backbone. That teep the blood-slippery hand from is an absolute must. I have seen too many elk, in cold down to 20 below many elk, in co zero, with meat soured from body heat

Two strict rules

There is no such thing as safely leaving an elk out overnight unless two rules are strictly followed. First, split the

the backbone so it can be spread-eagled flat. Second, get it off the ground on branches or small logs, so that air can circulate around and under it. It must even be hoisted up off any snow, since body heat and ruin meat. And the meat that will sour first is that of the shoul-

But let's get back to field-dressing that buck. He has completely drained out by now. And, since handling it from a trophy standpoint is a somewhat more ticklish operation, let's dress him out that way

Your buck can now be rolled over on his back and dragged a yard away from the blood that drained out of him. as an obvious precaution.

Step one is to remove the testicles and free the penis all along its length to where it is rooted in the anal opening. As little hide as possible should be removed in this operation in order to help cover the meat and keep it clean.

Step two is to straddle the buck, facing toward its rear. Then the righthanded hunter can slip two fingers of his left hand through the breastbone incision and between them goes the hunting knife blade, sharp edge up, and held firmly in the right hand. Those lefthand fingers are to crowd the paunch and intestines away from the inside of the abdominal wall, and to act as a guard against the knife point touching and ripping them. If the blade is sharp enough and held at the correct angle. it takes only one shearing sweep to reach from breastbone to crotch. This method has the added advantage, over some of the whittling on big game I've seen, of making the cut from the inside, so that hair is kept out of contact with

Severing the windpipe

Step three requires the hunter to face toward the buck's head. With the paunch cavity fully exposed, he reaches as far forward as possible to secure a good handhold on the windpipe and gullet combined. He cuts them off as far forward as possible, then uses them as a handhold to pull back toward the lungs. The other hand is busy with the knife, snipping off any attachments as they draw taut

Out of this chest cavity will come the windpipe-gullet handhold, the heart, and the lungs, all in one ropy stringer. By shifting his handhold a trifle he can then put some strain on the diaphragm.



and, and mountain-wise hunters use this gambrel stick, tying supporting rope near and to limb of tree. Then, using angle limb for handle, they simply wind up the see until carcass is free of the ground, then pull near leg outward and lodge against the lever limb. Even large animals may be lifted off ground

Hunter's job is more difficult

neat, and tasty.

critter that was shot through the neck,

another through the lungs, a third

paunch-shot and finally mangled down,

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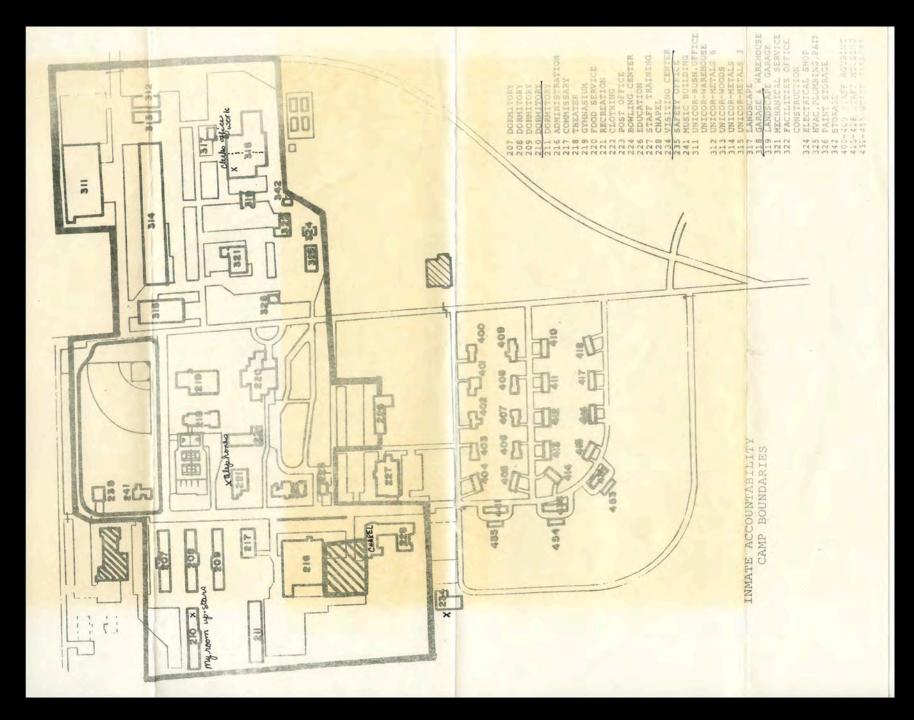
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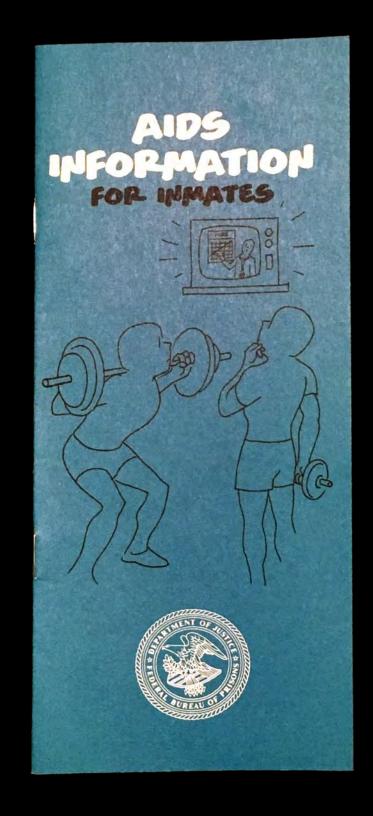


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Map of FPC "Camp" Duluth, included in the letter from January 29, 1990. Xerox print with ink. 9 x 7 inches.



AIDS INFORMATION FOR INMATES pamphlet, 1988. 2018. Lithograpgh on paper, staples. 9.5 x 4 inches.



Well, hello from Nuluth, "Club Fed" as it's called here. But your letter yesterday, so was pretty good mail purner. No they don't censor the letters, all they do is check for contraband and then put it in my mail box, I when stop in and pick-up. My letter out are pealed just like any where else. The public preseption of this place is a lot different than what it I really is, in many way o. After going shrough the Justice Trial System, where energone trup to make you out as a big time crook and a threat to your fellow man, and ofter all of that send you to a place like this, where the Eureau of Trisons staff now whats you to be Mr. Good Cilizen; and if you do-they treat you with more respect than some of these people got, in their moumal occupation. Here's my dayly schedule: 6:00 A.m. Bed check. 6:15-7:20 - Breakfast (I'm sending the Mener) 7:30 - 8:00 - Room or at your job head count. 10:30-12:00 - Lunch

12:00 - Head count.

12:00 - 3:30 - at your job

4:00 - Count back at your down room.
4:15-10:00 - The time - or take classes.

(4:30-6:30) Walk through suffet line (If you want)

This is 5 days a week - Sat, Sun, and all

Gonit holidays we have free time also.

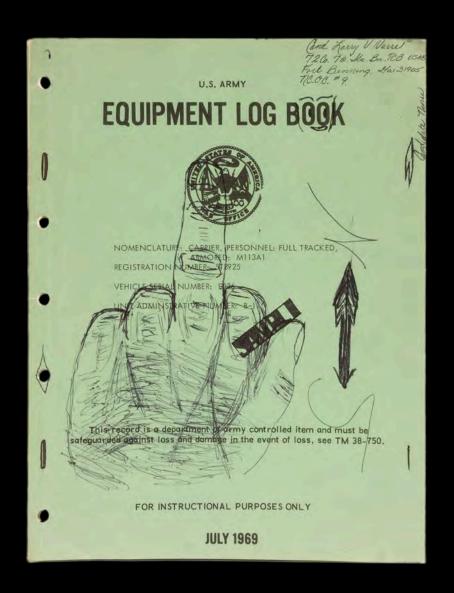
Letters to Marjorie Ford from Federal Prison Camp, Duluth, MN, October 6, 1989.

Well mom I'm sure we will have some thing else besides the fathfuider by June so lets plan on a trip back to Fa and Min. OK? So did you get to watch and K sonings return? I don't know what all the fuss was about, you would think that you can still of press an openion in this Country with out all the repercusions. Especially about those two "subjects" Believe me, the Blacks honeit progressed much from 20 years. ago when I wasput et posed tol them in the Service. I thenk I'll stay in the cold Climate where we have them out numbered for awhile. How don't quote me. all in all this has sure been an experience and soon will be able to get back to family and freends. Lee you in Jeme.

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Larry. with probage of to you after you want

Letters to Marjorie Ford from Federal Prison Camp, Duluth, MN, March 14, 1990.



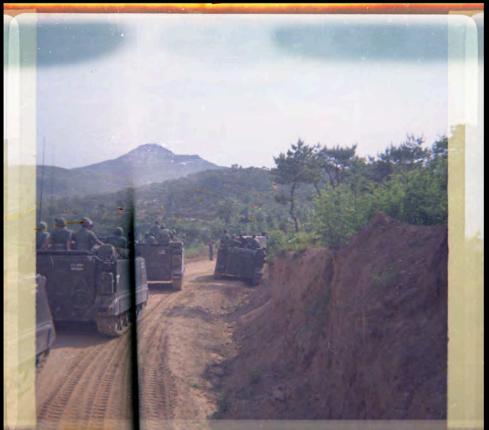


U.S. Army Equipment Log Book, July 1969. 2018. Paper, ink and staples. 11 x 8.5 x .25 inches.



Kodak film from the Demilitarized Zone, South Korea, 1969.











Eagle Statue, early 1990s. 2018. Arcylic resin and paint (with coconut shell). 22.5 x 8.5 x 8 inches



Photograph looking across the DMZ into North Korea through a rifle scope, 1969. 2018. Color photograph on Kodak paper, 3.5 x 4.35 inches.

FIERMAN

Dominic Nurre
Selections from the Collection of Larry V. Nurre

May 10 - June 16

FIERMAN presents Selections from the Collection of Larry V. Nurre, a solo exhibition by New York based artist Dominic Nurre. The show is the first iteration of an extended conceptual portrait of American conservative masculinity realized through the possessions of the artist's late father.

Upon his father's death, Dominic Nurre inherited a large collection of taxidermy hunting trophies from both the American West and Africa, a leather bound collection of the National Rifle Association's *American Rifleman*, among other personal effects. The artist has extrapolated from these objects a materialist portrait, a record of late twentieth century American masculinity. The project is at once deeply intimate and intellectually remote, the objects removed from their personal, private context and displayed as cultural artifacts to be examined. The project is openended, as Nurre continues to delve into his father's possessions and their cultural implications.

The exhibition is comprised of the head of an American Buffalo, one of several hunted by the elder Nurre in the Dakotas and Montana, placed on the floor of the gallery rather than mounted to the wall as originally displayed, as well as a series of letters written in the 1980's by Larry V. Nurre to his mother from the Federal Prison Camp in Duluth, Minnesota, where he served a sentence for conspiracy and fraud relating to federally funded road construction projects in Southern Minnesota. The aesthetic of display is cool, non-emotive.

On the occasion of the exhibition, the *Duluth Letters* will be published in their entirety alongside a new essay by Frank Haines, written in response to the material. Dominic Nurre (b. 1980) lives and works in New York. His work has been included in many group shows, including at Gavin Brown's Enterprise, Barbara Gladstone Gallery, Team, Ellis King, Berggruen Gallery, among others. He has had solo shows at Terence Koh's Asia Song Society (ASS) and Helper Projects in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. His work was in Greater New York at MoMA PS1 in 2010. In 2015, Nurre was a resident at the Fire Island Artist Residency in Cherry Grove, FI and at the KHOJ International Workshop in Pune, India.

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A conceptual portrait—dispassionate yet deeply personal—emerges in this taut installation, a view of the artist's late father as a self-absorbed son, a gun enthusiast, and a white-collar criminal. In tone, Nurre's piece suggests a cool counterpart to Louise Bourgeois's room-filling cri de coeur "The Destruction of the Father," from 1974, with the key difference being that Nurre's materials are all ready-made. The front window of the intimate storefront gallery is lined with leather-bound issues of *American Rifleman*, the official magazine of the N.R.A. Inside, on the walls, are copies of letters that the artist's father wrote to his own mother, in 1989 and 1990, while he was serving time for fraud in a federal prison in Duluth, Minnesota. They tend to read more like diary entries than like correspondence: mother playing her time-honored role as mirror. In the center of the room, the taxidermied head of an American buffalo rests on the floor, like a fallen trophy of American masculinity.

— Andrea K. Scott





