

Guide to the Frederick Samuel Dellenbaugh Collection of Photographs and Drawings of the Colorado River Region

WA PHOTOS 271



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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Dellenbaugh, Frederick Samuel, 1853-1935

TITLE: Frederick Samuel Dellenbaugh collection of photographs and drawings of the Colorado River region.

DATES: 1870-1934

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.48 linear feet (7 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection contains approximately 900 photographic prints, relief halftones, postcards, negatives, tintypes, and pen-and-ink drawings depicting the Colorado River region and other areas of the West. The early photographs are by E. O. Beaman, James Fennemore, John K. Hillers, photographers on the 1871 Powell expedition. The collection includes relief halftone prints of their photographs, evidently created for inclusion in Dellenbaugh's books on the Colorado River and the West. In addition, there are photographs by Dellenbaugh and other amateur photographers who traveled to the West, as well as by professionals William Henry Jackson and the Kolb Brothers. Subjects include the Grand, Glen, and Havasu Canyons, the Colorado and Green Rivers, Zion National Park, miscellaneous photographs of Arizona, California Colorado, and Utah, and portraits of expedition members and Native Americans. There are 24 drawings by Dellenbaugh which were used as illustrations in *Romance of the Colorado* and *Breaking the West*.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research. Box 8 (cold storage): Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

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FREDERICK SAMUEL DELLENBAUGH (1853-1935)

Frederick Samuel Dellenbaugh, artist, topographer, explorer and author, was born September 13, 1853 in McConnelsville, Ohio. After graduating from high school in Buffalo, New York, Dellenbaugh's interest in painting and boating led his uncle Almon Harris Thompson to introduce him to John Wesley Powell. Thompson was Powell's brother-in-law and served as second-in-command and chief topographer of Powell's second expedition down the Colorado River in 1871-1873. Powell appointed the seventeen year old Dellenbaugh expedition artist and assistant topographer.

The expedition embarked at Green River, Wyoming, and passed the winter of 1871-72 at Kanab, Utah. In the early spring and summer of 1872, Dellenbaugh and Thompson explored north of Kanab through Potato Valley and discovered the Escalante River, the last major river discovered in the contiguous United States. They continued on to the Aquarius Plateau and the Henry Mountains. In August and September 1872, the expedition traveled through the Upper Grand Canyon, but Powell called a halt to the expedition at Kanab Creek, due to the dangerous currents in the Canyon. The group spent the winter of 1872-1873 creating a map of the area they had explored.

Following the expedition, Dellenbaugh traveled in the West, lived with the Hopi Indians for six months, and studied painting in France. He married Harriet Otis in 1885 and settled in New York. There he wrote and lectured about the West, publishing in 1902 *The Romance of the Colorado River* and in 1908, *A Canyon Voyage*, which described the second Powell expedition.

In 1899, Dellenbaugh served as expedition artist on E. H. Harriman's expedition to Alaska and Siberia. In 1906, he accompanied Harriman on an expedition to Spitzbergen, Norway. In later years he continued to travel in the West, served as librarian to the National Geographic Society, and founded the Explorer's Club. He died in New York City on January 29, 1935.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains approximately 900 photographic prints, relief halftones, postcards, negatives, tintypes, and pen-and-ink drawings depicting the Colorado River region and other areas of the West, and portraits of Native Americans. The photographs were collected by Frederick Samuel Dellenbaugh and date from 1871-1934. The collection is organized into two series: *Photographs* and *Drawings*. Box 7 contains Oversize material. Restricted Fragile Papers contains negatives; photographic prints produced from these negatives have been supplied in Series I, *Photographs*, as surrogates.

[Series I, *Photographs*](#), (boxes 1-5) contains early photographs by E. O. Beaman, James Fennemore, and John K. Hillers, photographers on the 1871 Powell expedition. The collection also includes relief halftones of their photographs, which evidently were created to be used as illustrations for Dellenbaugh's books, primarily *The Romance of the Colorado River* and *A Canyon Voyage*. In addition, there are photographs by Dellenbaugh and other amateur photographers who traveled in the West, as well as by professionals, including William Henry Jackson and the Kolb Brothers. Locations depicted include Grand Canyon, Glen Canyon, and Havasu Canyon, the Colorado and Green Rivers, Zion National Park, miscellaneous photographs of Arizona, California, Colorado, and Utah. The portraits are of expedition members and Native Americans.

The photographs are organized alphabetically by photographer: under each photographer, they are listed alphabetically by subject. The photographs were primarily identified by caption information. Where captions were not present, identifications were drawn from reference to Dellenbaugh's published works. Unidentified photographs are listed at the end of the series, arranged by subject. Many of these are early albumen prints and may be by Beaman, Fennemore, or Hillers. Copy prints produced from negatives acquired with the collection are interfiled where appropriate.

[Series II, *Drawings*](#), (box 6) contains 24 drawings by Dellenbaugh which were used as illustrations in *The Romance of the Colorado River* and *Breaking the West*.

[Oversize](#), (box 7) contains material from Series I, and is organized in box order.

Collection Contents

Series I: Photographs, 1871-1934

2.1 linear feet (5 boxes)

Series I, *Photographs*, is organized alphabetically by photographer, and listed alphabetically by subject. Unidentified photographs are listed at the end of the series, arranged by subject. Many of these unidentified photographs are early photographs and may be by Beaman, Fennemore, or Hillers.

	ALTER, J. CECIL	
b. 1, f. 1	Utah	n.d.
	BABBITT BROTHERS TRADING CO.	
b. 1, f. 2	Arizona	[1928]
	BARNES, WILL C.	
b. 1, f. 3	Arizona	1933 Jul
b. 1, f. 4	Portraits	1933 Jul 6
	BARTKELMESS, C.	
b. 1, f. 5	Grand Canyon	n.d.
	BEAMAN, E. O.	
b. 1, f. 6	Colorado	1871
b. 1, f. 7	Colorado River Stored also in: Oversize, box 7, folder 171	n.d.
b. 1, f. 8	Glen Canyon	n.d.
b. 1, f. 9	Grand Canyon	n.d.
b. 1, f. 10-11	Green River	1871, n.d.
b. 1, f. 12	Kanab Canyon	n.d.
b. 1, f. 13	Native Americans	n.d.
b. 1, f. 14	Utah	1871, n.d.
	BELL'S STUDIOS	
	Portraits Stored in: Oversize, box 7, folder 172	n.d.
	BROWN EXPEDITION	
b. 1, f. 15	Utah	1889
	C.C. PIERCE & CO.	
b. 1, f. 16	California	n.d.

C.C. PIERCE & CO. (continued)

b. 1, f. 17	Yosemite	n.d.
b. 1, f. 18	Unidentified	n.d.
	CARTER, [----?], DR.	
b. 1, f. 19	Unidentified	n.d.
	CHAPMAN, R. H.	
b. 1, f. 20	Montana	n.d.
	CHINCINST, [----?]	
	Portraits Stored in: Oversize, box 7, folder 173	n.d.
	COLE, LEON J.	
b. 1, f. 21	Ohio	1901 Nov 20
	COLIN, [----]	
b. 1, f. 22	California	1922
b. 1, f. 23	Grand Canyon	1922
	DAVIS, ARTHUR P.	
b. 1, f. 24	California	n.d.
	DELLENBAUGH, FREDERICK SAMUEL	
b. 1, f. 25	Alaska	1899, n.d.
b. 1, f. 26	Arizona (copy print)	n.d.
b. 1, f. 27	California	1921, 1929
b. 1, f. 28	Columbia River	1899, n.d.
b. 1, f. 29-32	Grand Canyon Includes copy prints.	1903-34, n.d.
b. 1, f. 33	Green River	1929
b. 1, f. 34-35	Havasu Canyon Includes copy prints.	1903-07, n.d.
b. 1, f. 36-37	Kanab Canyon Includes copy prints.	1929
	"Vermillion Cliffs from Kanab" Digital surrogate of a nitrate negative that was discarded in 2023 in accordance with Yale Universtiy policy.	[1929]
b. 2, f. 38	Michigan (copy prints)	1905

DELLENBAUGH, FREDERICK SAMUEL (continued)

b. 2, f. 39	Native Americans	1884, n.d.
b. 2, f. 40	New Mexico Includes copy prints.	1907, n.d.
b. 2, f. 41	New York	1921
b. 2, f. 42	Portraits	1886-1903, n.d.
b. 2, f. 43-45	Utah Includes copy prints.	1903-29, n.d.
b. 2, f. 46	Virgin River and Valley (copy prints)	1903, n.d.
b. 2, f. 47	Wyoming	n.d.
b. 2, f. 48-49	Yosemite Includes copy prints.	1921, n.d.
b. 2, f. 50-51	Zion Includes copy prints.	1903-29, n.d.
b. 2, f. 52-53	Unidentified Includes copy prints.	1903, n.d.
DENVER, COLORADO CANYON AND PACIFIC RAILWAY SURVEY		
b. 2, f. 54	Colorado River	1908
DETROIT PUBLISHING CO.		
b. 2, f. 55	Grand Canyon	[1910]
DUKANE SCIENCE		
b. 2, f. 56	Florida	n.d.
FENNEMORE, JAMES		
b. 2, f. 57	Colorado River	n.d.
b. 2, f. 58	Glen Canyon	n.d.
b. 2, f. 59	Utah	1872, n.d.
FINTAK, [----]		
b. 2, f. 60	Grand Canyon	1929
FLORIDA SOUVENIR CO.		
b. 2, f. 61	Florida	n.d.
FLY'S GALLERY		
b. 2, f. 62	Arizona	n.d.
FRASER, GEORGE C.		

FRASER, GEORGE C. (continued)

b. 2, f. 63	Colorado River	1930
FRASHER'S INC.		
b. 2, f. 64	Grand Canyon	1933
FRAZIER, RUSSELL G.		
b. 2, f. 65	Glen Canyon	1933
b. 2, f. 66	Utah	1933
FRED HARVEY		
b. 2, f. 67	Grand Canyon	1916-34
GILL, DELANCY		
b. 2, f. 68	Portraits	1902 Jul 1
GOLDRING, WINIFRED		
b. 2, f. 69	Grand Canyon	1929
GOODMAN, CHARLES		
b. 2, f. 70	Utah	n.d.
HILLERS, JOHN K.		
b. 2, f. 71	Arizona	n.d.
b. 2, f. 72	Colorado River	n.d.
b. 2, f. 73	Grand Canyon	n.d.
b. 2, f. 74	Kanab Canyon	n.d.
b. 3, f. 75	Native Americans	n.d.
b. 3, f. 76	Portraits	1872, n.d.
b. 3, f. 77	Utah	1872, n.d.
b. 3, f. 78	Virgin River and Valley	n.d.
	Wayne County Stored in: Oversize, box 7, folder 174	1875
b. 3, f. 79	Zion	n.d.
b. 3, f. 80	Unidentified	ca. 1878
INT. ART & NOV. CO.		
b. 3, f. 81	Utah	n.d.
JACKSON, WILLIAM HENRY		

JACKSON, WILLIAM HENRY (continued)

b. 3, f. 82	Colorado Stored also in: Oversize, box 7, folder 175	n.d.
b. 3, f. 83	Utah	n.d.
JOHNSON, L. H.		
b. 3, f. 84	Arizona	n.d.
b. 3, f. 85	Colorado River	n.d.
b. 3, f. 86	Portraits	n.d.
b. 3, f. 87	Utah	n.d.
JONES, RANDALL		
b. 3, f. 88	Grand Canyon	1929
b. 3, f. 89	Portraits	1929
KELLY, CHARLES		
b. 3, f. 90	Glen Canyon	1932 Aug
b. 3, f. 91	Green River	1933
b. 3, f. 92	Portraits	1932
KLEMM, ROBERT C.		
b. 3, f. 93	Grand Canyon	1926 Nov
b. 3, f. 94	New Mexico	1927
KOLB BROS.		
b. 3, f. 95-97	Grand Canyon	1912-28, n.d.
b. 3, f. 98	Green River	1911
LEONARD, R. G.		
b. 3, f. 99	Unidentified	n.d.
LIPPINCOTT, J. B.		
b. 3, f. 100	Colorado River	n.d.
LIPPINCOTT, OLIVER		
b. 3, f. 101	Grand Canyon	1898
MCDONALD, PRESTON		
b. 3, f. 102	Utah	n.d.
MACDOUGAL, D. T.		
b. 3, f. 103	Colorado River	n.d.

	NUSSBAUM, [----?]	
b. 3, f. 104	Utah	1920 Oct
	OASTLER, FRANK RICHARD	
b. 3, f. 105	Glen Canyon	1925 Jul
	OTIS, T. A., MRS.	
b. 3, f. 106	Grand Canyon	1931
	POMROY, H. ARTHUR	
b. 3, f. 107	Arizona	1903
	PRUDDEN, T. MITCHELL	
b. 3, f. 108	Grand Canyon	n.d.
	PUTNAM & VALENTINE	
b. 3, f. 109	Grand Canyon	n.d.
	ROSE, MILLIE	
b. 3, f. 110	Arizona	1930
	RUST, DAVID D.	
b. 3, f. 111	Glen Canyon	1923
b. 3, f. 112	Portraits	[1931]
b. 3, f. 113	Utah	n.d.
	SAVAGE, C. R.	
b. 3, f. 114	Native Americans	n.d.
b. 3, f. 115	Zion	n.d.
	SCHARFF, SEWARD	
b. 3, f. 116	Arizona	1925
b. 3, f. 117	Colorado	1925
b. 3, f. 118	Grand Canyon	1925
b. 4, f. 119	Utah	1924, n.d.
	SIMPSON, W. H.	
b. 4, f. 120	Grand Canyon	n.d.
	STARR, W. I.	
	Grand Canyon Stored in: Oversize, box 7, folder 176	n.d.

STITES, R. T.		
b. 4, f. 121	Wayne County	1926, n.d.
STONE, JULIUS T.		
b. 4, f. 122	Colorado River	1909
b. 4, f. 123	Grand Canyon	1909
THORNE, GERALD		
b. 4, f. 124	Green River Accompanied by a TLS from Thorne to Dellenbaugh dated 1930 Apr 29	1929-30
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR		
b. 4, f. 125	Zion	1929
WEETER, JOHN C.		
b. 4, f. 126	Idaho	n.d.
WITTICK, BEN		
b. 4, f. 127	Arizona	n.d.
[YOUNG?, ----]		
b. 4, f. 128	Portraits	n.d.
UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPHERS		
b. 4, f. 129	Arizona	1903, n.d.
b. 4, f. 130	Boston and California Company	n.d.
b. 4, f. 131	California	1934 Sep
b. 4, f. 132	Canada Includes copy prints.	1921
b. 4, f. 133	Colorado	n.d.
b. 4, f. 134	Colorado River	n.d.
b. 4, f. 135	The Fontenelle, Missouri River boat, drawing by B. Vitzthum	n.d.
b. 4, f. 136	Glen Canyon	n.d.
b. 4, f. 137-141	Grand Canyon Stored also in: Oversize, box 7, folder 177	1872-1929, n.d.
b. 4, f. 142	Green River Stored also in: Oversize, box 7, folder 178	n.d.
b. 4, f. 143	Havas Canyon	n.d.

UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPHERS (continued)

b. 4, f. 144	Idaho	1899
b. 4, f. 145	Ives' boat, by H. B. Mollhausen	n.d.
b. 4, f. 146	Kanab Canyon	1903, n.d.
b. 4, f. 147	Mexico	1929
b. 4, f. 148	Missouri	1929
b. 4, f. 149	Native Americans	n.d.
b. 5, f. 150	Nevada	n.d.
b. 5, f. 151	New Mexico	1907, n.d.
b. 5, f. 152	Ogden Canyon	1929
b. 5, f. 153	Portraits Also stored in: Oversize, box 7, folder 179	1870-1929, n.d.
b. 5, f. 154-156	Utah	1871-1929, n.d.
b. 5, f. 157-158	Virgin River and Valley	1903, n.d.
b. 5, f. 159	Wyoming	n.d.
b. 5, f. 160-162	Zion	1903-29, n.d.
b. 5, f. 163-167	Unidentified	1907, n.d.

Series II: Drawings, n.d.

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

b. 6, f. 168	Drawings for <i>Breaking the Wilderness</i>	n.d.
b. 6, f. 169	Drawings for <i>Romance of the Colorado River</i>	n.d.
b. 6, f. 170	"Hidatsa and Dakota Feather-marks, etc."	n.d.

Oversize*1.17 linear feet (1 box)*

Oversize contains material from series I, organized in box order.

b. 7, f. 171	Beaman, E. O. Colorado River (in Series I)	
b. 7, f. 172	Bell's Studios. Portraits (in Series I)	n.d.
b. 7, f. 173	Chincinst. Portraits (in Series I)	n.d.
b. 7, f. 174	Hillers, John K. Wayne County (in Series I)	1875
b. 7, f. 175	Jackson, William Henry. Colorado (in Series I)	n.d.
b. 7, f. 176	Starr, W. I. Grand Canyon (in Series I)	n.d.
b. 7, f. 177	Unidentified. Grand Canyon (in Series I)	
b. 7, f. 178	Unidentified. Green River (in Series I)	1871
b. 7, f. 179	Unidentified. Portraits (in Series I)	1884, 1907

Restricted Fragile Papers

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

Restricted Fragile Papers contains negatives for which contact prints have been made. The negatives may only be seen with the permission of the appropriate curator. Photographic prints from the negatives have been substituted in appropriate folders.

Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

b. 8 (Cold Storage), f. 180	Box 1, folders 26, 32, 35, 37
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b. 8 (Cold Storage), f. 181	Box 2, folders 38, 40, 43, 45-46, 48-51, 53
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b. 8 (Cold Storage), f. 182	Box 4, folder 132
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b. 8 (Cold Storage), f. 183	Box 5, folder 156
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names

Arizona -- Pictorial works
Colorado -- Pictorial works
Colorado River (Colo.-Mexico) -- Pictorial works
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (Utah and Ariz.) -- Pictorial works
Grand Canyon National Park (Ariz.) -- Pictorial works
Green River (Wyo.) -- Pictorial works
Havasu Canyon (Ariz.) -- Pictorial works
Utah -- Pictorial works
Zion National Park (Utah) -- Pictorial works

Genres / Formats

Photographic prints -- West (U.S.)
Tintypes (prints)

Names

Beaman, E. O. (Elias Olcott), 1837-1876
Dellenbaugh, Frederick Samuel, 1853-1935 --
Portraits
Fennemore, James, 1849-1941
Hillers, John K., 1843-1925
Klemm, Robert C.
Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902
Scharff, Seward

Corporate Body

Kolb Bros

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