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**Unit ID**

C0233

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**Unit Date**

1869-1876

## Graphic Materials

1 (box)

## Language

English

## Abstract

49 black and white copy photographs that document the exploration of the American West in the late 19th century.

## Creator

Orth, Donald J. (Donald John), 1954-

## Creator

Jackson, William Henry, 1843-1942

## Extent

0.25 Linear Feet 1 box

## Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

## Use Restrictions

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## Acquisition Information

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# Historical Note

This collection consists of photographs that originated from the United States Geological Society, with the majority taken by William Henry Jackson. Most of the photographs depict the American West, with notable photograph subjects like Yellowstone National Park and Ferdinand Vandiveer Hayden, a geologist who served as the head of the United States Geological and Geographic Survey of the Territories in the late 19th century. Hayden, along with Jackson, were integral in documenting the landscape of the West and helping establish Yellowstone National Park. In addition to Jackson's photographs, there are photographs taken by John K. Hillers, who was also exploring the American West with Jhn Wesley Powell, particularly the Grand Canyon, around the same time. There are also photographs of Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer and scientist, and his boat "Fram" which he used during his expedition to the Arctic in 1893.

# Scope and Content

49 black and white copy photographs that document the exploration of the American West in the late 19th century. The photographs appear to be reprints of the originals made in 1869-1874 except for the photographs of Niagara Falls and Washington, D.C. that appear to be original. The collection is arranged alphabetically by state with three exceptions: Niagara Falls, Portraits, and Unknown.

# Related Material

The Special Collections Research Center also holds the [Harold T. Rib aerial photograph collection](#) and the [Soil Conservation Service Prince William County aerial photograph collection](#).

# Keywords

Arizona  
Colorado  
Photographic prints  
Montana  
New Mexico  
Niagara Falls (N.Y. and Ont.)  
Utah  
Wyoming  
Washington (D.C.)  
Hayden, F. V. (Ferdinand Vandeveer), 1829-1887  
Geological Survey (U.S.)

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by state with three exceptions: Niagara Falls, Portraits, and Unknown.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Donald Orth geological survey**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/97799

**Unit Date** 1869-1876

#### **Arizona,**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/97800

**Unit Date** circa 1869-1876

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

4 photographs of both landscapes and people in the state of Arizona. These landscapes include: A Rainbow Bridge-Glen Canyon Dam Project, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, 3 males on Kaibab Plateau, and the Grand Canyon.

#### **Colorado,**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/97801

**Unit Date** circa 1869-1876

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

10 photographs of landscapes and people in the state of Colorado. These include: Castellated Rocks Monument, Men at Sultan Mountain, East Spanish Peak, Mt. Holy Cross, Royal Gorge, "Colorado", Gates of Lodore, Pikes Peak, Sandstone Monuments of Pleasant Park, and Cliff ruins at Mancos Valley.

#### **Montana,**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/97802

**Unit Date** circa 1869-1876

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Photograph of "Boettlers Ranch in South Montana Territory near Yellowstone River".

**New Mexico,****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/97803**Unit Date** circa 1869-1876**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Scope and Content**

Photograph label on the back as "Puelbo, New Mex".

**Niagara Falls,****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/97804**Unit Date** circa 1869-1876**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Scope and Content**

Two photographs of Niagara Falls, unsure if photographs are taken of the United States (New York) or Canada (Ontario)

**Portraits,****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/97805**Unit Date** circa 1869-1876**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Scope and Content**

Three photographs. Two of them are portraits of Fridtjof Nansen and Ferdinand Vandiveer Hayden. The other is a group photograph of Endlich, Franklin Rhoda and Allen D. Wilson.

**Unknown,****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/97806**Unit Date** circa 1869-1876**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Scope and Content**

11 photographs of landscapes and people, there is no identification on these photographs to indicate who the people are or where the photograph was taken.

**Utah,****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/97807**Unit Date** circa 1869-1876**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Scope and Content**

Two photographs of landscape and people in the state of Utah. These include: Salt Lake City and Uintah Mountains

**Washington D.C.,****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/97808**Unit Date** circa 1869-1876**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Scope and Content**

Photograph of the Lincoln Memorial.

**Wyoming,****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/97809**Unit Date** circa 1869-1876**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Scope and Content**

Fourteen photographs of people and landscape in the state of Wyoming. These include: The Teapot, Independence Rock, Yellowstone National Park, Great Falls of Yellowstone River, Green River Station, Crystal Falls, Old Faithful, Green River, Extinct Spring at East Fork of the Yellowstone, Yellowstone Lake, and the Canyon of the Yellowstone.