

## **MS-52**

The Museum of Northern Arizona  
Harold S. Colton Memorial Library  
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Flagstaff, AZ 86001  
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### **Title**

Louis Akin collection

### **Dates**

circa 1905-1913

### **Extent**

0.5 cm textual material, 3 photographic images (3 prints)

### **Biographical History**

Louis Akin (1868-1913) was a painter famous for his images of southwest. In 1903 Akin was hired by the Sante Fe Railway to paint images of the Hopi Indians and the Grand Canyon. He was working on a project for the American Museum of Natural History when he died in 1913.

### **Scope and Content**

Collection is comprised of 3 photographs of Akin, two of which are him painting at the Grand Canyon. Also included is correspondence and poetry written by Akin to his friend "Billy" Crane and information pertaining to Akin's death and estate, including correspondence between W.B. Crane and Akin's lawyer, a newspaper clipping and an inventory of Akin's estate.

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Collection was acquired in 1964 and 1965 from W.B. Crane and his son-in-law Merrill Bittner with the help of Michael Purcell.

### **Existence and Location of Originals**

Original photos were returned to W.B Crane

### **Related Archival Materials**

Additional images of Akin's grave and tombstone are available in the Museum Photo File; negative numbers 70.609 and 70.610

### **Description Control**

Finding aid written by Lauren Johnson using *DACS*, 14 September 2009

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| Louis Akin collection |                  |                 |                 |               |
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| File #                | File Description | Date(s)         | Extent          | Box/Folder    |
| MS-52-1               | Correspondence   | Circa 1905-1913 | 0.25 cm textual | Asst Box 2.9  |
| MS-52-2               | Death and estate | 1913            | 0.25 cm textual | Asst Box 2.10 |
| MS-52-3               | Photographs      | undated         | 3 prints        | Asst Box 2.11 |

### LCSH Access Points

Akin, Louis, 1868-1913

Artists – Arizona

Grand Canyon (Ariz.)