Title
Rainbow Bridge-Monument Valley Expedition collection

Dates
1933-1935

Extent
2151 photographic images, 2 reels 35 mm film

Names of Photographers
Clifford Bond, Robert Branstead, L.W. Lowrey, Heid, Hall, Elwood Hoover, David F. Walkington, E. Beckwith, A. Andrews

Biographical History
A series of Rainbow Bridge/Monument Valley Expeditions were carried out between 1933 and 1938, but the most famous one is possibly the 1933 expedition. The goal of the expeditions was to research the area so that the National Park Service could establish a park in the region from southeast Utah to Northern Arizona. Led by Ansel Hall, the expedition included members from the Explorers Club from New York, researchers from UC-Berkeley, and others from a variety of universities throughout the United States. Ultimately, the region did not achieve National Park status, and remained a National Monument as it had been established in 1909.

The collection was previously called the “Ansel Hall collection,” as Hall led the expedition and donated the materials to the Museum of Northern Arizona. Ansel Hall (1894-1962) was born in Oakland, California, and graduated from the University of California’s Forestry Department. In 1924, he married June Alexander, and the couple raised six children. Hall worked for the NPS at both Sequoia National Park and Yosemite National Park as park ranger and park naturalist, respectively. From 1923 to 1937, he served in NPS more senior positions such as chief naturalist, senior naturalist, chief forester, and chief of the Field Division. He left NPS in 1938, but continued to be active with National Parks through developing interpretive programs, developing museum associations, and operating concessions at Mesa Verde. As Head of Education for the Western Region, he organized the Rainbow Bridge-Monument Valley Expedition in 1933. Hall is credited with influencing a number of individuals, including photographer Ansel Adams and other artists.

Scope and Content
The series consists of images taken during the 1933 Rainbow Bridge/Monument Valley Expedition, taken by the photographers/expedition members listed above. It includes images of sites within the Rainbow Bridge National Monument such as Bat Woman Pueblo, Betatakin, Black Mesa, Bryce Canyon, Dunn’s Trading Post, Garden of Gods, Glen Canyon, Keet Siel, Kit
Seel Canyon, Kayeta, Lily Canyon, Long Canyon, Marsh Pass, Monument Valley, Navajo Mountain, Poncho House, Rainbow Bridge, Red House, Red Lake, Sagi Canyon, Skeleton Mesa, San Juan River, Twin Caves Ruin, Water Grand Canyon, Zion, etc. It includes images of members of the expedition and Navajo people.

**System of Arrangement**
Collection has been arranged according to media, including photographic negatives and motion pictures. Images have been kept in the order in which they were donated to the archives, which was primarily according to photographer.

The collection is arranged as follows:

**Photographs**
Series 1: Motion Picture

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**Languages and Scripts of the Materials**
All materials are in English.

**Finding Aids**
A previous two-page box-level inventory was created in 1967.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**
Materials were donated to the Museum of Northern Arizona in the 1960s by Ansel Hall. The collection was not formally accessioned until 1967.

**Accruals**
No further accruals are expected.

**Related Archival Material**
UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History. Rainbow Bridge/Monument Valley Expedition Archives.

Fort Lewis College Center of Southwest Studies. Collection P 008: Ansel Hall photograph albums

**Publication Note**

**Description Control**
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### Title
Series 1: Motion Picture

### Dates
1933-1935

### Extent
2 reels 35 mm motion picture film

### Scope and Content
This series contains motion picture film of Mesa Verde during the Rainbow Bridge-Monument Valley Expedition.

### Series 1: Motion Picture

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### LCSH Access Points
Cliff dwellings – Colorado -- Mesa Verde.
Glen Canyon (Utah and Ariz.)
Hall, Ansel Franklin, 1894-
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Rainbow Bridge-Monument Valley Expedition
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