Title
John I. Perkins collection

Dates
ca. 1900s-1910s

Extent
118 photographic images (nitrate negatives, black & white prints)

Name of Creator(s)
Perkins, John I.

Biographical History
John I. Perkins (1862–1942) left the East Coast of the United States and settled in Los Angeles, California ca. 1904. He was known as a collector of books of fine printing, illustrated books, fine bindings, and early manuscripts. Mr. Perkins was a long time customer of Dawson’s Book Shop, from ca. 1909 to ca. 1940, and built a collection of over 6000 rare books. In 1939 he met Dorothy Drake, the librarian for Scripps College in Claremont, CA, and became determined to donate his collection for the use of students studying the history of printing and bookmaking. His collection was bequeathed to the College in 1941, and forms the core of the Rare Book Collection. Mr. Perkins also donated a collection of over 500 autographed letters and documents to Scripps College before he passed away in 1942.

Scope and Content
This collection consists of photographic images of the Grand Canyon and surrounding areas in Northern Arizona.

Conditions Governing Access
Images are available for use.

Physical Access
The nitrate negatives are stored in freezers and are not readily accessible.

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Custodial History
It is uncertain how Mr. Perkins acquired this photograph collection, or how it came to be in the possession of Dawson’s Book Shop.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Purchased by the Museum of Northern Arizona from Dawson’s Book Shop in Los Angeles, CA on May 11, 1982.

Accruals
No further accruals are expected.

Related Materials
- Oral History Interview with Dorothy Drake (b. 1904), Librarian, Scripps College. Dawson’s Bookshop Collection, Southern California Bookmen Oral History Series. Oral History Catalogue, History Department, Claremont Graduate University.

Description Control

Inventory
Nitrate Freezer 1 Grand Canyon Negatives, ca. 1900s-1910s
Asst. Box 7 Folder 5 Grand Canyon Prints, ca. 1900s-1910s

LCSH Access Points
Grand Canyon (Ariz.)--Pictorial works.
Grand Canyon (Ariz.)--Discovery and exploration.
Grand Canyon National Park (Ariz.)