

## MS-26

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### **Title**

Charles Vary collection

### **Dates**

1901-1903

### **Extent**

3 loose photographic images, 2 scrapbooks (170 photographic images)

### **Biographical History**

Charles H. Vary was born on a farm near Skaneateles, New York, March 31, 1873. During several summers, as a young man, he dispatched mail and baggage on Skaneateles Lake, which is one of the Finger Lakes in Central New York.

In his early twenties he moved to Rochester, New York, where he worked in one of the bicycle factories. Poison fumes from the factory injured his throat so the Doctor suggested he move to the western climate. In 1901 his wife and daughter and he sold their home in Rochester and moved to Flagstaff after stopping in Denver for three months.

They lived in Flagstaff from 1901 until the fall of 1903. He opened a small bicycle shop beside his home on Beaver Street. For three years he fixed everything from bicycles to guns to the jail roof. He enjoyed many trips around the country, guiding others, and getting his own limit of deer as past time enjoyment.

In the fall of 1903 his family moved to Pomona, California, where they added a son to the family and lived until 1919. Mr. Vary had a walnut grove and two orange groves in Pomona, and from 1908 to 1911 he was Los Angeles County Horticultural Inspector for the Pomona District. From 1911 to 1943 he was with the California State Department of Agriculture, Quarantine Division, and had charge of the Border Stations of Southern California. At the age of seventy he retired.

His wife was deceased ten years before he was. He continued to live with his daughter, Marion, until his death on July 30, 1955.

### **Scope and Content**

Collection consists of photographs (loose, scrapbooks) related to travels to local attractions (Grand Canyon, Havasu/Cataract Canyon, Tonto Natural Bridge) that Vary and his family took while living in Flagstaff from 1901-1903.

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### Finding Aids

A detailed inventory listing is available upon request

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Marion S. Vary (Charles' daughter) donated this material in 1956 (MS-26)

### Description Control

Finding aid written by Jonathan Pringle using *DACS*, 1 September, 2009

| <b>Charles Vary collection</b> |                                      |                |                            |                   |
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| <b>File/Item #</b>             | <b>File/Item Description</b>         | <b>Date(s)</b> | <b>Extent</b>              | <b>Box/Folder</b> |
| MS-26-1                        | Miscellaneous photographs            | 1901           | 3 images                   | 1.1               |
| MS-26-2                        | Flagstaff and Grand Canyon album [1] | 1901-1903      | 1 scrapbook<br>(80 images) | 1.2               |
| MS-26-3                        | Flagstaff and Grand Canyon album [2] | 1901-1903      | 1 scrapbook<br>(90 images) | 1.3               |

| <b>MS-26-2: Scrapbook Volume 1</b> |  |  |
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| <b>Page</b>                        | <b><i>Right or Top photograph</i></b>  | <b><i>Left or Bottom photograph</i></b>                                |
| 1.                                 | Rim of Havasupai (Cataract Canyon)   | On road to Havasupai (Cataract Canyon)                                 |
| 2.                                 | Camp scene in Havasupai  | Camp Scene in Havasupai  |
| 3.                                 | Mooney Falls, Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  | Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  |
| 4.                                 | Mr. Roberts and Bandy, location unknown  | Teachers and farmer of Supai Indian Reservation<br>(3 women, 2 men)    |
| 5.                                 | BIA buildings, Havasupai Indian Reservation  | BIA buildings, Havasupai Indian Reservation                            |
| 6.                                 | Havasu (Supai) Creek, Havasu Canyon  | Bridal Veil Falls, Havasu Canyon                                       |
| 7.                                 | Trail past Pillars of the Gods, Havasupai Canyon   | 2 men on man-made inclined, Mooney Trail,<br>Cataract Canyon           |
| 8.                                 | View in Havasupai Canyon   | Bridal Veil Falls, Havasu Canyon                                       |
| 9.                                 | View in Havasupai Canyon   | View in Havasupai Canyon   |
| 10.                                | View in Havasupai Canyon   | View in Havasupai Canyon   |
| 11.                                | Mooney Falls   | View in Havasupai Canyon   |
| 12.                                | Mooney Falls, Havasupai  | Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  |
| 13.                                | San Francisco Peaks looking NE across Fort Valley towards Leroux Spring. Al Beasley house visible. | Horse and buggy on road to Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon                 |
| 14.                                | Rowe's Well, Grand Canyon South Rim (MNA neg. 74.4654466)  | Pinyon-juniper forest on road to Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon           |
| 15.                                | Horses walking in dry wash, Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon.   | Horses climbing out of dry wash in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon         |
| 16.                                | Horse on trail in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  | Horses and man climbing out of dry wash in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon |

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| 17. | Horses on trail in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon                                     | People in front of BIA building, Havasupai Indian Reservation, July 1901                    |
| 18. | BIA buildings, Havasupai Reservation   | BIA buildings, Havasupai Reservation  |
| 19. | BIA buildings, Havasupai Reservation   | Bridal Veil Falls, Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  |
| 20. | Man-made incline on Mooney Trail, Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon                      | View in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon   |
| 21. | View in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  | View in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon   |
| 22. | Pictographs in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon   | Bridal Veil Falls, Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  |
| 23. | View looking down into Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon                                 | View in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon   |
| 24. | View, Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  | View, Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon   |
| 25. | Bridal Veil Falls, Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon                                     | Pillars of the Gods, Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  |
| 26. | Mooney Falls, Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  | View in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon   |
| 27. | View in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  | View in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon   |
| 28. | View in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  | View in Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon   |
| 29. | On South Rim of Grand Canyon at Capt. John Hance place near Grandview              | Coach and horses in ponderosa forest leaving Grandview Hotel for Bright Angel.              |
| 30. | ID'd as road to Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon, but view looks South towards SF Peaks | On road to Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  |
| 31. | East Rim, Grand Canyon (Sinking Ship Butte?)                                       | East Rim, Grand Canyon (Sinking Ship Butte?)  |
| 32. | Covered wagon and men (near East Rim, Grand Canyon, possibly Grandview?)           | Capt. John Hance Cabin, Grand Canyon (Grandview?)   |
| 33. | View looking into the Grand Canyon   | View looking into Grand Canyon, man standing on rim   |
| 34. | East Rim, Grand Canyon (Sinking Ship Butte?)                                       | East Rim, Grand Canyon (Sinking Ship Butte?)  |
| 35. | View of East Rim, Grand Canyon   | View below rim in the Grand Canyon, trail is in lower right corner                          |
| 36. | Grandview Hotel, Grand Canyon South Rim  | Stalactites and Stalagmites from Crystal Cave (below Horseshoe Mesa) displayed on doorsteps |
| 37. | View, South Rim, Grand Canyon (Sinking Ship Butte?)                                | View, South Rim, Grand Canyon   |
| 38. | View of people standing on South Rim, Grand Canyon                                 | People standing on rim, Coconino Pt., Grand Canyon  |
| 39. | People and horse descending switchback trail (possibly Grandview), Grand Canyon    | Two riders on horseback on trail from hotel to the Grand Canyon                             |
| 40. | View, South Rim, Grand Canyon (Sinking Ship Butte?)                                | View of rock wall formation, Grand Canyon   |

| <b>MS-26-3: Scrapbook Volume 2</b> |  |   |
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| <b>Page</b>                        | <b><i>Left or Top photograph</i></b>             | <b><i>Right or Bottom photograph</i></b>  |
| 1.                                 | View looking across Grand Canyon, Sept. 21, 1901 | Stalactite and Stalagmite specimens (belong to Mr. Pete Berry) on Grandview Hotel steps |

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| 2.  | View in Crystal Cave, Grand Canyon (possibly off Redwall, Grandview Trail) | View in Crystal Cave, Grand Canyon (possibly off Redwall, Grandview Trail)                 |
| 3.  | View in Crystal Cave, Grand Canyon (possibly off Redwall, Grandview Trail) | View in Crystal Cave, Grand Canyon (possibly off Redwall, Grandview Trail)                 |
| 4.  | Unidentified man (Charles Vary?) in Crystal Cave, Grand Canyon             | Unidentified man (Charles Vary?) in Crystal Cave, Grand Canyon                             |
| 5.  | Mr. and Mrs. La Rue, Crystal Cave, Grand Canyon, July 1902                 | Man-made incline on Grandview Trail, Grand Canyon  |
| 6.  | View of switchback at beginning of Grandview Trail, Grand Canyon           | View of switchback at beginning of Grandview Trail, Grand Canyon                           |
| 7.  | Butte on South Rim of Grand Canyon (possibly Vishnu)                       | Switchbacks, Grandview Trail   |
| 8.  | View in Grand Canyon   | View, Grand Canyon, South Rim  |
| 9.  | View, Grand Canyon, South Rim, Colorado River visible                      | View, Grand Canyon, South Rim  |
| 10. | View, Grand Canyon, South Rim (Tonto Plateau)                              | View, Grand Canyon, South Rim  |
| 11. | Woman wearing bonnet pointing across South Rim, Grand Canyon               | Saddled horse on South Rim, Grand Canyon   |
| 12. | John Hance Cabin, South Rim, Grand Canyon                                  | Three riders on horseback on way to Grandview Trail, Grand Canyon                          |
| 13. | View of cabins on South Rim, Grand Canyon                                  | Mrs. Charles Vary and Henry Vary on horseback at top of (Grandview?) trail, Sept. 21, 1901 |
| 14. | Man leading horse down Grandview Trail                                     | Three people on horseback in Grand Canyon (Charles Vary is on right)                       |
| 15. | View of Grand Canyon, South Rim  | Woman on horseback on trail  |
| 16. | View, Grand Canyon, South Rim  | View, Grand Canyon, South Rim, Colorado visible  |
| 17. | View, Grand Canyon, South Rim, Colorado River visible                      | View, Grand Canyon, South Rim, Colorado River visible                                      |
| 18. | Covered wagon with three passengers starting out for the Grand Canyon      | Cedar Ranch (northwest of Flagstaff), on way to Grandview Point                            |
| 19. | Vary family cooking biscuits in a Dutch oven in road to Grand Canyon       | Covered wagon with two horses on road to Grand Canyon                                      |
| 20. | Bridal Veil Falls, Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon                             | Pillar of the Gods, Havasupai (Cataract) Canyon  |
| 21. | Little Springs, Northwest side of San Francisco Peaks                      | Two children in front of Clark Dome, Lowell Observatory, Mars Hill, Flagstaff              |
| 22. | View of snow capped San Francisco Peaks taken from Flagstaff               | San Francisco Peaks looking Northwest about 5 miles north of town                          |
| 23. | San Francisco Peaks from Hart Prairie, looking east                        | View of San Francisco Peaks from near Baderville   |
| 24. | Coconino County Courthouse, Flagstaff                                      | Old Main, Northern Arizona University (formally Arizona Normal School)                     |
| 25. | Sandstone quarry 3 miles east of downtown Flagstaff                        | Father Vary with a dead prairie dog and shot gun, woman in horse and buggy                 |

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| 26. | Cliff dwellings at Walnut Canyon National Monument  | Cliff dwellings at Walnut Canyon National Monument  |
| 27. | H.H. Vary, unidentified woman and young child by ruins in Walnut Canyon National Monument   | Ruins in Walnut Canyon National Monument  |
| 28. | Close up of ruin walls, Walnut Canyon National Monument                                     | Close up of ruin walls, Walnut Canyon National Monument                                     |
| 29. | Man (H.H. Vary?) and unidentified woman and child by ruins, Walnut Canyon National Monument | Man (H.H. Vary) holding stick standing by ruins, Walnut Canyon National Monument            |
| 30. | Close up of Coconino Sandstone exposure, Walnut Canyon National Monument                    | Coconino Sandstone exposure in Walnut Canyon National Monument                              |
| 31. | Navajo man standing next to horse   | Man mounting mule, cottonwoods in background  |
| 32. | Group of Navajo men digging trench  | Group of Navajo women and children, cabin in background                                     |
| 33. | Navajo man with mule  | Navajo riding mule  |
| 34. | Group of Anglos and Native Americans in front of building                                   | Group of Anglos and Native Americans in front of building                                   |
| 35. | Navajo woman holding small child, two children standing                                     | Navajo woman sitting on a porch with three children   |
| 36. | Two men with bicycles, pond in background   | View looking down into unidentified steep canyon, building visible on canyon floor          |
| 37. | View of unidentified canyon   | Bonito Lava Flow, Sunset Crater National Monument   |
| 38. | View of wagon road, taken from wagon, horses in foreground                                  | View of wagon road, taken from wagon, horses in foreground, San Francisco Peaks in distance |
| 39. | Covered wagon with 2 male passengers by small log cabin with stone chimney                  | Four men standing by wooden structure with mesa in background                               |
| 40. | C.H. Vary and an unidentified man and woman on trail, possibly in Grand Canyon              | View of rock formations on rim of Grand Canyon  |
| 41. | Two men standing on rim of Grand Canyon   | View at the Grand Canyon  |
| 42. | Two men and a woman in a cave (possibly Crystal Cave)                                       | Two men and a woman in cave (possibly Crystal Cave)   |
| 43. | Man and woman on horseback amid tall Ponderosa pines (Kaibab limestone outcrops?)           | Man and woman on rim of Grand Canyon  |
| 44. | Blank   | Blank   |
| 45. | View of Tonto Natural Bridge  | View of Tonto Natural Bridge  |
| 46. | Ladders up cliff face at Tonto Natural Bridge (labeled Montezuma Castle)                    | “Shrine” of sorts with hats, deer skulls, parasols, and other accoutrements                 |

**LCSH Access Points**

Grand Canyon (Ariz.)

Havasu Canyon (Ariz.)

Tonto National Monument (Ariz.)

Vary, Charles H., 1873-1955