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The Museum of Northern Arizona
Harold S. Colton Memorial Library
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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

- John I. Perkins Rare Book Collection and John I. Perkins Autographed Letters Collection. Ella Strong Denison Library, Scripps College.
- 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

Finding aid written by Melissa VanOtterloo using *DACS*, 12 March 2013.

Inventory

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| 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.)