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**MS 0215**  
**Frederick S. Dellenbaugh Collection**  
**1851 - 1980**

**DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of diaries, writings, and correspondence about travels and riparian rights cases as well as research notes on John C. Fremont, George Armstrong Custer, and Jacob Hamlin. Photocopied diaries of Colorado River explorers include Frederick Dellenbaugh, Francis M. Bishop, Stephen V. Jones, Almon H. Thompson, and Robert B. Stanton are present. Photocopies and copy prints of stereoview images made during the 1871-1872 Second Powell-Thompson Geographical Survey of the Colorado River are present.

11 Boxes, 5.25 linear ft.

**RELATED MATERIAL**

PC 260 Stereoview Collection

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by William J. Holliday in 1950.

**ACCESS**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was originally processed in 1990 and revised by Dave Tackenberg in March 2007.

**ARRANGEMENT**

Nine series: Correspondence, 1916-1931. Expedition and personal diaries (chiefly Photostats), 1870-1929. Research notebooks, ca 1896. Copies of Mormon documents, 1851-1884. Colorado River-bed court documents, 1919-1931. Newspaper clippings, 1875-1931. Spanish Trail map. Manuscripts and printed materials, 1881-1980. Photographs in stereoview format from the 1871-1873 Second Powell Colorado River Expedition.

## Biographical Note

Frederick Samuel Dellenbaugh, noted explorer, artist, and writer was born in McConnellsville, Ohio on September 13, 1853. He attended school in Buffalo and New York City and later studied art in Munich and later under Carolus Duran at the Academie Julian in Paris.

Dellenbaugh was only eighteen when he joined Major John Wesley Powell's Second Expedition down the Colorado River in 1871. As artist and topographer for the expedition, he helped to draw the first map of the Grand Canyon region. His extensive travels down the Colorado River and throughout the American Southwest between 1871 and 1907 provided subject material for numerous paintings, articles, lectures, and books, including a detailed account of the 1871 expedition, *A Canyon Voyage* (1908). He was also well known for his paintings of scenes of Indian life and for his interest in Indian history.

Following the Powell Expedition, Dellenbaugh spent several years on sketching tours and in studying art in Europe where he was a member of the Societe des Artistes Francais in 1881. In 1899 he traveled to Alaska and Siberia as artist for the (Edward H.) Harriman Expedition. He also made sketching and painting trips to Iceland, Spitsbergen, Norway, the West Indies, and South America (1906-1907). From 1901 to 1911 he was librarian for the American Geographical Society. He held memberships in the American Ethnological Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Kansas Historical Society, and the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society. Dellenbaugh was a founding member of the Explorers' Club of New York City, serving as secretary (1912-1916), and as vice-president (1922-1928).

Dellenbaugh was a key witness in the Colorado River-bed Case (U.S. vs. Utah, 1929) in which the United States Supreme Court ruled on the question of ownership of the riverbed (riparian rights) of the Green, Colorado, and San Juan Rivers. The decision hinged on river navigability (those portions considered navigable would inhere to the State of Utah while those that were unnavigable would belong to the United States). The case, decided in favor of the state of Utah on April 13, 1931, was noteworthy for setting on record much unrecorded pioneer testimony and historical information about the discovery, history, and navigability of the Colorado River.

In 1932 Dellenbaugh was awarded the John Burroughs Memorial Association annual medal for his book, *A Canyon Voyage*, selected as the best literary work relating to nature. Dellenbaugh was married to New York actress Harriet Rogers Otis (18??-1930) on October 29, 1885. They had one son Frederick Samuel Dellenbaugh, Jr. Frederick Dellenbaugh died of pneumonia in New York City on January 29, 1935. He was the last surviving member of the 1871 Powell Expedition.

## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of the papers and photographs of Frederick Samuel Dellenbaugh including correspondence (1916-1931), expedition and personal diaries (1870-1929), research notebooks, Colorado River-bed Supreme Court Case Documents, newspaper clipping, and photographs. The collection was originally processed in 1990 and revised in 2007.

As originally organized the bulk of the collection consists of the daily diaries of Dellenbaugh and other prominent Colorado River party explorers. Significant diaries include manuscripts kept of the Second Powell Expedition in 1870-1873 by Frederick Dellenbaugh, Francis Marion Bishop, Stephen Vandiver Jones, and Almon Harris Thompson (photocopies). An additional diary and work papers (photocopies) are present for Robert Brewster Stanton's trip in 1889-1890. Twenty-one additional manuscript notebooks containing Dellenbaugh's research notes for western history writings, Colorado River exploration and water usage, Spanish exploration, and George Armstrong Custer. Additional printed materials relates to the Supreme Court Case of the Colorado River-bed in 1929-1931, Jacob Hamblin, and exhibit documents relating to Mormon and Utah history.

Photographs primarily depict scenes from the 1871-1872 Second Powell Expedition of the Colorado River on which Dellenbaugh was a member. All images of the trip are in stereoviews and have been moved to the Stereoview Collection, PC 260 in the RARE Collections Area. A copy print has been maintained in the Dellenbaugh Collection for reference. Stereoviews show expedition members, boats, and river scenes on the Green and Colorado Rivers. Additional views depict Indians of the Colorado River area, scenery in southern Utah, northern Arizona, and Hopi pueblos.

In 2007 a decision was made to revise the Dellenbaugh Collection and unite the manuscripts (MS 215) with the photograph collection (PC 33). After reviewing both collections the original organization and folder numbering of the manuscript materials was retained. Additional folders were added to reduce the paper bulk of some of the original folders and these additional folders were labeled with the original number and a letter attachment. The original series organization was kept although some of the original series contained very few folders. All subserys identifications were dropped in the revised guide. The photo collection has been returned to the manuscript materials as the two compliment each other by topic and activities. Folder #62 contains a photocopy record of the original organization of PC 33 for reference. The new series contains the photocopies and copy prints arranged by subjects. Copies of the original finding guides have been retained in the first guide folder of the collection and with the control file.

Series 1: Correspondence, 1916-1931, includes a letter from Stephen Vandiver Jones (1916) concerning the Powell monument and the 1872 Virgin River Canyon trip. An additional letter to Dellenbaugh from Defense Attorney P. T. Farnsworth, Jr. references the 1931 Colorado River-bed Case. Other correspondence is present from the New York Public Library related to the acquisition of the diaries and materials.

Series 2: Expedition and Personal Diaries, 1870-1929 consists of Dellenbaugh's expedition and personal diaries (photocopies and Photostat copies) as well as diaries and working papers by Bishop, Jones, Thompson, and Stanton. All the above concern Colorado River explorations. Folder #11 contains a photostat copy of the manuscript of the U.S. Rocky Mountain Survey which Thompson led to southern Utah. Stanton's diaries and working papers (photocopies) document the two expeditions that he led down the Colorado River.

Additional diaries by Dellenbaugh detail his tours to various locations of the Southwest from 1875 to 1907. Areas covered include southern Utah, trips to the Hopi pueblos, Little Zion Valley, and Grand Canyon. Other diaries describe trips to Europe (1874-1906) and his experiences and research in association with the Colorado River-bed Supreme Court Case of 1929-1931.

Series 3: Research Notebooks, ca. 1896, contain fourteen original manuscript notebooks and two typescript copies of Dellenbaugh's research notes and excerpts from published and unpublished materials. Much of this material Dellenbaugh used in the publication of his numerous books including *Romance of the Colorado River*, *A Canyon Voyage*, and *The Life of General George A. Custer*.

Series 4: Personal Narration of Exploration and Settlement in Utah Wilderness, 1851-1884, consists of exhibit documents from the Historian Office of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Documents pertain to early Mormon settlements in Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. These documents were exhibit items for the Colorado River-bed Case.

Series 5: Colorado River-bed Case Documents, 1919-1931, detail the arguments before the Supreme Court in U.S. vs. Utah, 1929. Manuscript materials include materials for both the United States and Utah positions, exhibits, historical studies associated with the Colorado River, and the Court's final decision.

Series 6: Newspaper Clippings, 1875-1931, include an album containing Dellenbaugh's early writings when he was a correspondent to the Buffalo, New York, Denver, and Colorado newspapers in the 1870s. The articles consist of letters, sketches, anecdotes, historical reminiscences, and lectures related to his travels and adventures in the West.

Series 7: Spanish Trail Map, 1929, consists of one folder of an oversized map on which Dellenbaugh sketched the course of the Spanish Trail from Santa Fe, New Mexico to Los Angeles, California. This map was utilized in the Colorado River-bed Case.

Series 8: MISC Manuscripts and Printed Materials, 1881-1980, has small notebooks, fragments of letters, printed materials and an inventory of the Dellenbaugh papers housed in the University of Arizona Library. A typescript draft of a Dellenbaugh manuscript recounts the hardships of desert travel in the Colorado River basin area and California's Death Valley. A membership card for Dellenbaugh to the Societe des Artistes Francais (1881) and the Salon de 1884 as well as an invitation to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Powell Expedition in 1969 are also present.

Series 9: Photographs, contain photocopies and copy prints of images of the Second Powell Expedition of the Colorado River in 1871-1873, images of Indians along the Colorado Valley area, and side excursions to southern Utah and the Hopi pueblos. Almost all the photographs are in stereoview format and have been removed to the RARE Collection Area with copies retained in this collection. Photographs are by John K. Hillers, James Fennimore, and E. O. Beaman. Folder #77 contains three images by C.R. Savage of views of southern Utah. Thirty-seven lantern slides are part of the collection with nineteen related to Arizona or the Southwest and have been reproduced as copy prints. Thirty-one glassplate negatives depict people, locations, and activities with all but 4 believed taken in New York or eastern United States. None of these plates have been printed for the collection.

## Box and Folder Listing

### Box 1

#### Series 1: Correspondence, 1870-1931

Folder 1-2 Colorado River Expedition Correspondence 1916-1931

#### Series 2: Expedition and Personal Diaries, 1870-1929

- f. 3-4 Diary of F. M. Bishop (photocopy and typescript) Aug. 15, 1870 – Sep. 15, 1871  
("Colorado River Exploration, 1870-1871")
- f.5-6 Diary of Frederick S. Dellenbaugh (Photostat) Apr. 21, 1871 – Apr. 5, 1873  
("U.S. Topographical and Geological Survey of the Green and Colorado Rivers, 1871, 1872, 1873")
- f.7-8 Diary of Stephen V. Jones (typescript copy and photocopy) Apr. 21, 1871 – Dec. 14, 1872  
("Stephen Vandiver Jones Diary")

### Box 2

- f.9 Diary of A. H. Thompson (typescript copy) May 1871 – Jun. 13, 1875  
("A. H. Thompson Diary U.S. Colorado River Expedition")
- f.10 Diary of A. H. Thompson (photostat copy) Aug. 14, 1872 – Sep. 7, 1872  
("A.H. Thompson Diary U.S. Colorado River Expedition")
- f.11 Diary of A. H. Thompson (photostat copy) September 1875  
("Diary of Almon Harris Thompson U.S. Rocky Mountain Survey, 1875")
- f.12-13 Diary of Robert B. Stanton (typescript copy) May 10, 1889 – Mar. 1, 1890  
("Colorado River Survey: The Field Notes of R.B. Stanton")

### Box 3

- f.13 Diary of Robert B. Stanton (typescript copy) Mar. 2, 1890 – Apr. 30, 1890  
("Colorado River Survey: The Field Notes of R.B. Stanton")
- f.14-15 Diary of Robert B. Stanton (photostat copy) May 10, 1889 – Mar. 1, 1890  
("Colorado River Survey: The Field Notes of R.B. Stanton")

### Box 4

- f.16-17 Diary of Frederick Dellenbaugh Sketching Trip to Sep. 9, 1875 – Jun. 2, 1876  
Northern Arizona and Southern Utah  
(original and typescript copies)
- f.18-19 Diary of Frederick Dellenbaugh Survey Trip to Southwest 1884 – 1885  
(original and photocopies)
- f.20-21 Diary of Frederick Dellenbaugh of Little Zion Apr. 26, 1903 – Jun. 27, 1903  
Valley Trip (original and photocopies)
- f.22 Diary of Frederick Dellenbaugh of Grand Canyon Jul. 3, 1907 – Aug. 25, 1907  
and Pacific Coast Trip (original and photocopies)

### Box 5

- f.23 Diary of Frederick Dellenbaugh of Trip to Europe 1874 – 1875

- (original copy)
- f.24 Diary of Frederick Dellenbaugh "Edinburgh Book" of Aug. 1881 – Aug. 1886  
Diary, Thoughts, Stories (original copy)
- f.25 Diary of Frederick Dellenbaugh of Trip to Iceland, Jun. 21, 1906 – Aug. 11, 1906  
Norway, and Spitsbergen (original copy)
- f.26 Diary of Frederick Dellenbaugh 1922
- f.27-28 Diary of Frederick Dellenbaugh and Colorado Aug. 31, 1929 – Dec. 14, 1929  
Riverbed Court Case (original and photocopy)

## Box 6

### Series 3: Research Notebooks, ca. 1896

- f.29 Research Notes of Frederick Dellenbaugh on John C. Fremont and  
Mexican-American War (original copy)
- f.30 Research Notes of Frederick Dellenbaugh on Spanish Explorations  
in Southwest (original copy)
- f.31-32 Research Notes on Stanton and Brown's River Trip on Colorado River 1890  
(original and typescript copies)
- f.33 Research Notes on "Relation De Castaneda" in Spanish (original copy) 1896
- f.34 Research Notes by Frederick Dellenbaugh on William Wolfskill (original copy)
- f.35 Research Notes by Frederick Dellenbaugh on Indian Implements, Dress,  
Housing, and Customs. (three notebooks - original copy)
- f.36 Research Notes by Frederick Dellenbaugh on George A. Custer (original copy)
- f.37 Research Notes by Frederick Dellenbaugh on Western History  
(three notebooks – original copies)

## Box 7

### Series 4: Personal Narratives of Exploration and Settlement in the Southern Utah Region, 1851-1884

- f.38 Exhibit #622: General Notes (History of Area)  
Exploration of Southern Nevada  
Beale's Wagon Road  
The Camel Experiment  
Callville (Call's Landing on Colorado River  
Mexican Traders from Village of Chama, N.M. to Salt Lake City, 1853  
Moab Region (Journey There - 1853 – Cliff Dweller)  
Mancos Ward – 1880
- Exhibit #626: Exploration Southern Nevada  
Colorado River  
Las Vegas Mission – 1855-1865
- Exhibit #624: Exploration of Southern Nevada  
St. George Stake – 1851-1866  
Lower Virgin River  
Lower Colorado River  
Call's Landing  
Hardy's Landing  
Jacob Hamblin to Hopi Towns

- f.39 Exhibit #620: Settlement of San Juan Region  
Bluff – 1879-1884  
San Juan Stake
- Exhibit #625: Elk Mountain Mission History – 1855  
Settlement of Moab
- Exhibit #621: Settlement of Kanab Region  
Southern Utah  
Kanab Stake – 1865-1874  
Pipe Springs  
Jacob Hamblin to Hopi Towns
- f.40 Exhibit #623: Expedition to the Colorado River – 1864-1865  
Call's Landing  
Journal History – Jan to June 1865

**Series 5: Colorado River-bed Case Documents, 1919-1931**

- f.41 Pamphlet: "Report of the All-American Canal Board" 1919  
By Elwood Mead, W.W. Schlecht, and C.E. Grunsky
- f.42 Pamphlet: "Regulating the Colorado River" Hearings Before the 1928  
Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation by House of  
Representatives
- f.43 Court Papers: Proof of Mailings and Answer of the State of Utah 1928
- f.44 Court Subpoena of Frederick Dellenbaugh 1928
- f.45 Court Record: Brief for the United States 1929
- f.46 Court Record: Brief of Defendant, The State of Utah 1929
- f.47 Court Record: Report of the Special Master 1930
- f.48 Court Record: Final Brief for the United States of America 1930

**Box 8**

- f.49-50 Court Record: Abstract in Narrative Form of the Testimony Taken 1930  
Before the Special Master, and Filed in This Court by Him
- f.51 Court Record: Appendix to Abstract of Testimony 1930
- f.52 Court Record: Decision of the Court 1931

**Box 9**

**Series 6: Newspaper Clippings, 1875-1931**

- f.53 Scrapbook: Clippings of Articles Written by Dellenbaugh 1875 –1876

- f.54 Book Advertisements: *A Canyon Voyage* and *The North Americans of Yesterday*
- f.55 Newspaper Clippings: Colorado River Bed Case 1929 – 1931

**Series 7: Spanish Trail Map, 1929**

- f.56 Map: Old Spanish Trail 1929

**Series 8: MISC Manuscript and Printed Materials, 1881-1980**

- f.57 Small Miscellaneous Note Books and Manuscripts
- f.58 Letter Scraps circ. 1905
- f.59 Misc. Cards, Brochures, Etc
- f.60 Inventory of Frederick Dellenbaugh Collection at University of Arizona 1980
- f.61 Book: *Jacob Hamblin* by James A. Little (With notes by Dellenbaugh)

**Series 9: Photographs**

- f.62 Photocopies of Stereoview Images from Original PC 33
- f.63 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Members and Boats
- f.64 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Southern Utah Settlements and People

**Box 10**

- f.65 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Indians of Colorado Valley (MO-A-PA-RI-ATS Tribe)
- f.66 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Indians of Colorado Valley (NU-A-GUN-TITS Tribe)
- f.67 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Indians of Colorado Valley (U-NI-TATS Tribe)
- f.68 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Indians of Colorado Valley (MO-A-PA-RI-ATS Tribe)
- f.69-70 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Indians of Colorado Valley (KAI-WAV-ITS Tribe)
- f.71 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Indians of Colorado Valley (U-AI-NU-INTS Tribe)
- f.72 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Utes and VIN-TA-UTE Tribe

- f.73 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Views on Green River
- f.74 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Views on Colorado River
- f.75 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Southern Utah  
(Natural Features)
- f.76 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Powell Expedition: Locations Unidentified  
(Believed to be Southern Utah)
- f.77 Photocopies of C. R. Savage Images of Southern Utah
- f.78 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Apache, Kiowa, and Navajo Indians
- f.79 Photocopies and Copy Prints of Pueblo Indians and Villages
- f.80 Copy Sheets of Cased Images
- f.81 Two Cased Images  
One Daguerreotype Image of Woman and Young Woman

**Box 11**

- f.82 Two Cased Images
- f.83 MISC Photographs  
Portrait of A. F. Bandelier  
The Topocoba Trail – 1907  
Dellenbaugh's Name on Rock Wall – 1873
- f.84 Copy Prints of Lantern Slides of Pueblo Village Scenes and Rivers

**Outside Items:**

**Box of 19 Lantern Slides (Arizona/Southwest Related)**

Stored with Lantern Slides and Negative on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Copies of Images in Folder 84

**Box of 18 Lantern Slides (Outside Arizona/Southwest Areas) – No Copy Prints**

Native American Pottery  
Laplander Tent  
Indian Tipi Lodges  
Norway Sod Lodge  
Display of Wampum  
Alaskan Baskets  
Alaskan Totem Pole

**Two Boxes of Glass Plate Negatives – No Copy Prints**

Woolworth Building  
Swimming Hole on Dover River

Bee in Hollyhocks  
Mrs. Heath's House  
Cragmoor Pine Woods  
Cragmoor Verkeerderkill Falls  
Cragmoor Mountain  
Christmas Present for Frederick Dillenbaugh  
Despards House White Plains  
Two Traveling Bears  
Little Brown House  
Sam's Point Mt. Lenapee  
Sam's Point Huckleberry Camp  
Group of Women Singing  
Man Seated in Chair  
Woman Seated in Woods  
Interior of Living room  
Boats on River  
Horses on Road  
Indian Camp Scene  
Boy at Tewa  
Keam's Canyon