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**MS 0054 (Rare)**  
**Hance, John, 1839-1919**  
**Visitor's book, 1891-1900**

**DESCRIPTION**

Visitor's Book, May 1891 to January 1900, maintained by Capt. John Hance, who established the first trail to the bottom of the Grand Canyon in 1891. Includes signatures and notes by William F. Cody, A.E. Douglass, Sharlot Hall, Capt. William O. "Buckey" O'Neill, and others.

1 box, .25 linear ft.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

John Hance was a well-known storyteller and guide at the Grand Canyon. After coming to Arizona in 1867, he lived at the Canyon; built the Old Hance Trail, the first trail open to sightseers; and later built the Red Canyon Trail where he established the first tourist accommodations and this Visitor's Book was used.

**ACQUISITION**

Unknown.

**ACCESS**

Due to fragile condition, prior arrangements must be made to use this item.

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**PROCESSING**

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