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Geographical and Geological Survey of the
Rocky Mountain Region stereographs of canyons
on the Green and Colorado Rivers, circa 1871

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Geographical and Geological Survey of the Rocky Mountain Region stereographs of canyons on the Green and Colorado Rivers
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.76-131
Date:	circa 1871
Extent:	45 Stereographs (albumen)
Creator:	Geographical and Geological Survey of the Rocky Mountain Region (U.S.)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Transferred from Smithsonian Institution Libraries, 1976.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Photographs relating to the Powell surveys can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 4605, Photo Lot 24, Photo Lot 33, Photo Lot 37, Photo Lot 140.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Library of Congress, the Bancroft Library at the University of California at Berkeley, and the New York Public Library hold additional stereographs from the Geographical and Geological Survey of the Rocky Mountain Region.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 76-131, Geographical and Geological Survey of the Rocky Mountain Region
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Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

The geological survey of John Wesley Powell, first authorized in 1870, was known by several names before its final designation as the United States Geographical and Geological Survey of the Rocky Mountain Region. The photograph mounts in this collection refer to the "U.S. Topographical and Geological Survey of the Valley of the Colorado," a survey that continued Powell's earlier work in the basin of the Colorado River. John K. Hillers (1843-1925) was hired as a boatman for John Wesley Powell's second expedition down the Colorado River in 1871. Initially working as an assistant to team photographers E. O. Beaman and James Fennimore, Hillers eventually became the main photographer for the expedition in 1872.

Scope and Contents

Stereographs published by the Geographical and Geological Survey of the Rocky Mountain Region, documenting canyons along the Green and Colorado Rivers and surveyors. Although the images in this collection are credited to Powell and A. H. Thompson, the primary photographers on these surveys were John K. Hillers, E. O. Beaman, and James Fennimore. There is also one stereograph of Washakie's camp, made by William Henry Jackson on September 4, 1871; it is from the series "Picturesque Views of Rocky Mountain Scenery."

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NAA Photo Lot 76-131

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Indians of North America -- Great Basin
Shoshone

Cultures:

Indians of North America -- Great Basin
Shoshone

Types of Materials:

Photographs
Stereographs

Names:

Beaman, Edward O.
Fennimore, James
Geological Survey (U.S.)
Hillers, John K., 1843-1925

Jackson, William Henry, 1843-1942
Powell, John Wesley, 1834-1902
Thompson, A. H. (Almon Harris), 1839-1906
Washakie, approximately 1804-1900

Geographic Names:

Colorado River Watershed (Colo.-Mexico)
Green River Watershed (Wyo.-Utah)

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Shoshone