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John G. Verkamp photograph collection relating to the Grand Canyon, circa 1915

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	John G. Verkamp photograph collection relating to the Grand Canyon
Date:	circa 1915
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.98-25
Creator:	Verkamp, John G. (John George) (Publisher)
Extent:	15 Prints (Album ; tinted photogravure)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Cline Library Special Collections and Archives Department at Northern Arizona University holds the Verkamp Collection, 1905-2002 (NAU.MS.401; NAU.PH.2008.1; NAU.MI.2008.1).

Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 98-25, John G. Verkamp photograph collection relating to the Grand Canyon, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

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

John George Verkamp (circa 1877-1944) moved from Ohio to the developing South Rim of the Grand Canyon in 1898, where he began selling Native American crafts out of a tent at the head of the Bright Angel Trail. At the end of the summer he sold his inventory to a hotel operator and returned to Flagstaff. In 1905, he and his wife Catherine returned to the South Rim and began the construction of their new store, Verkamp's Curios. They opened for business on January 31, 1906, and built a successful business which employed Native American craftsmen.

Scope and Contents

Images of the Grand Canyon, including views from the rim and various trails.

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NAA Photo Lot 98-25

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Places:

Grand Canyon (Ariz.)