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Biographical note:

John Wesley Powell, the first director of the Smithsonian Institution's Bureau of Ethnology (1879-1902), was professor of natural sciences at Illinois Wesleyan University from approximately 1865-1868. He was also appointed curator of the Illinois Natural History Society Museum, housed at Illinois State Normal University, where he became professor of geology in 1867. He remained in this latter capacity until 1872 when he departed the Illinois region to concentrate his efforts on further explorations of the West.

Scope note:

This collection primarily contains secondary source materials related to works by or about John Wesley Powell and the Powell Collection of Pueblo Pottery at the University. Journal articles comprise the bulk of the collection; extracts from books are also included with some written by Powell but most written by other researchers. There are also documents and publications for works commemorating Powell's Grand Canyon expeditions, newspaper articles about those trips and his relation to Illinois Wesleyan, and photographs and illustrations of Powell, his associates and their explorations. There are also correspondence files from scholars seeking information from the Tate Archives or offering information about Powell and his associates. Finally, documents, photographs and artifacts related to the University's John Wesley Powell Collection of Pueblo Pottery are included. This collection is arranged into the following series:

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Box 1

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I. Correspondence

- 1 Bishop, Francis Marion. Transcribed Letters. 1866. (copy)
- 2 Darrah, William. Correspondence (1946-1949).
- 3 Dorsey, James. Letter concerning the 100-year Anniversary of the Powell expedition. 7 May 1969.
- 4 Harrison, George. Bequest to the Powell Collection. 2 Apr. 1900. (original)
- 5 ---. Bequest to the Powell Collection. 2 Apr. 1900. (copy)
- 6 Materials regarding the Powell Commemorative Stamp. 1968-1969. [including correspondence between Postmaster General Blount and IWU President Eckley]
- 7 Misc. Correspondence regarding Powell (20 Apr. 1946 – 18 May 1995).
- 8 Stegner, Wallace. Correspondence regarding gathering information on Powell (1946).
- 9 Steinbacher-Kemp, William. Correspondence with Robert Mowery (1996-1997).
- 10 Titterington, Milton. Correspondence (8 May 1928). (copy)
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II. Articles

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- 26a Forbes, S.A. "History of the Former State Natural History Societies of Illinois." Science (New Series) 26.678 (12-27-1907): 892-898.
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- 27 Gilbert, G.K. "John Wesley Powell." [1902?]: 633-640. Revised from an article published in Science (10 Oct. 1902).
- 28 Hansen, Wallace R. "The Geologic Story of the Uinta Mountains." (G.P.O. 1969)
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"Major John Wesley Powell." Illinois Wesleyan Magazine 7.3 (Oct. 1902): 127-129.
- Taylor, J.B. "In the Wesleyan, '63-'69." Illinois Wesleyan Magazine 5.1 (Apr. 1900): 65-69.

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Box 3

III. Miscellaneous Documents

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"Trustees and Visitors, December 1850 to June 1975": 81, 142-144, 151-152, 157-158, 170-171, 469.
- 3 IWU Annual Catalogue [copies of pages regarding Powell for 1866, 1867, 1868 editions]
- 4 "Major Powell." [unattributed index of articles in Daily Pantagraph, n.d.]
- 5 Newspaper articles. 1943-1960. (originals)
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III. Misc. Documents (cont'd)

- 14 Davis Family (copy of family history of Powell relatives)
- 15 Catalogue of Indian Arts for the Normal Museum? (copy)

IV. Photographs

- 14 Photos of, or relating to, John Wesley Powell. n.d.
- 15 [the following are related to the pottery collection]
Catalog of Native American artifacts donated by Powell in the 1880s
[photos and negatives of the collection located in separate box]
Krannert Art Museum. The Spirit of the Earth: Pueblo Pottery at Illinois Wesleyan University: 22 October 1993 to 9 January 1994. [Urbana, IL]:
Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, [1993]
Proof photos used to make the exhibit brochure.
Illinois Wesleyan University Bulletin, July 1969
- 16 Shiloh Battlefield monument for Powell's Battery; map of battle included

Box 3a

John Wesley Powell Collection of Pueblo Pottery – photographs and old identification labels

Box 3b

John Wesley Powell Collection of Pueblo Pottery – duplicate set of photographs and original negatives

Box 4

- 1 Bishop, Francis Marion – Portrait as he appeared in 1869-70. Picture as he appeared in the field in 1871-72. Courtesy of Mrs. Virginia B. Chase.
- 2 Colorado River Exploring Party, 1871 – The start at Green River, Wyoming.
- 3 Dellenbaugh, Frederick S. "Colorado Days" - Illustration and words to the song written in 1872 and illustration taken after a painting by Mr. Dellenbaugh.
- 4 Dellenbaugh, Frederick Samuel – Portrait as he appeared in 1872. Courtesy of New York Public Library.

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- 5 Donation of Powell Colorado River Expedition pictures on behalf of Nicholas G. Morgan Sr. (See also 4/25)
- 6 Grand Canyon - Map of adjacent country showing Powell's route of 1870. [framed]
- 7 Green and Colorado Rivers - Map to the Mouth of the Virgin River.
- 8 Hawkins, William Rhodes - Portrait in 1909 at age of 68. Courtesy of Dodd, Mead, and Company.
- 9 Hillers, John K. - Portrait as he appeared in later life. Photo of him taking pictures on the Aquarius Plateau in the early 1870's. Courtesy of U.S. Geological Survey and William Culp Darrah.
- 10 "Lava Falls" - Colorado River, traversed by the First Powell Expedition on August 25, 1869. Photographed by J.K. Hillers, April, 1872. Courtesy of U.S. Geological Society.
- 11 Lodore Canyon —"Looking Down Through the Gates to Lodore." Photographed by E.O. Beaman, 1871. Courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey.
- 12 Marble Canyon of the Colorado River, showing the arm-chair used by Powell. Photographed by E.O. Beaman, 1871. Courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey.
- 13 Music Temple - Inscriptions made in 1871-72 by members of the Second Powell Expedition. Courtesy of Charles Kelly.
- 14 Powell, Major John Wesley - Portrait as he appeared in Dec. 1869, after his return from his exploration of the Colorado River. Original in possession of F.D. Schnacke. Courtesy of William Culp Darrah. [framed]
- 15 Powell Monument at the Grand Canyon in Arizona. [framed; one unframed duplicate located in John Wesley Powell Collection 3/14]
- 16 Second Powell Expedition - The first camp, May 14, 1871. Courtesy of U.S. Geological Survey.
- 17 Steward, John F. - A picture of him in the Grand Canyon in 1871 which was photographed by E.O. Beaman. Portrait of how he appeared in about 1875. Courtesy of New York Public Library. Courtesy of William Culp Darrah.

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- 18 Sumner, John C. - Picture at the age of 17 or 18 probably taken in 1868. A picture with Alcinda Jane Norris on their wedding day , June 30, 1873. Courtesy of Charles G. Sumner.
- 19 Thompson, Almon Harris - Picture on his horse as he appeared in the field in about 1872. Courtesy of William Culp Darrah.
- 20 Thompson, Almon Harris – Portrait, September 24, 1839 – July 31, 1906.

V. Oversized Material

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- 22 “Bloomingtonian’s Feats Out West Topic of Film.” The Pantagraph 3 Mar. 1961. (copy)
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VI. Artifacts and Media

Box 5

John Wesley Powell Collection of Pueblo Pottery – Arm Band (Cheyenne) and
Canteen shards, Yavapai Basket
Jonathan Reyman lecture, April 4, 2005 (CD and VHS tape)

Box 6

John Wesley Powell Collection of Pueblo Pottery – Pomo Basket