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:

I. Correspondence
II. Articles
III. Miscellaneous Documents
IV. Photographs
V. Oversized material
VI. Artifacts and Media
### I. Correspondence

1. Bishop, Francis Marion. Transcribed Letters. 1866. (copy)


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]


10. Titterington, Milton. Correspondence (8 May 1928). (copy)

11. ---. Correspondence (8 May 1928). (original)

### II. Articles


II. Articles (cont’d)


22 “The Dangerous Journey of John Wesley Powell.” [1968?]


34  “John Wesley Powell: Soldier, Explorer, Scientist.” (G.P.O. 1969)


42  ---. “John Wesley Powell” National Geographic 185.4 (Apr. 1994): 89-115. (copy of article only)


Box 2


17 Selected reference sources about Acoma, Hopi and Zuni tribes.
Sources extracted from:


Box 2 (cont’d)                             II. Articles (cont’d)
Folder #
25 Watson, Elmo Scott. The Illinois Wesleyan Story: 1850-1950 [incomplete; sections regarding Powell, with related notations by William E. Schultz]


Box 3

III. Miscellaneous Documents

1 Brochures and booklets donated by R. Hishman (centennial era). 1969.

2 “Faculty Meeting Minutes” (1864-1875) [2 copies]
   “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 Pantagrap, n.d.]

5 Newspaper articles. 1943-1960. (originals)

6 Newspaper articles. 1943-1960. (copies)

7 Powell Centennial


9 Records regarding Powell Museum artifacts. n.d. (copies)

10 Records regarding Powell Museum Artifacts. n.d. (original)


III. Misc. Documents (cont’d)

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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.


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.
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.


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.


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]


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.
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


23 “Campus Monument Honors Leader of Grand Canyon Expedition.” The Argus 3 Mar. 1948. (copy)


(See also 4/5)

26 Lake Powell Chronicle 31 Jul. 1969. (original)

27 Lake Powell Chronicle 31 Jul. 1969 (copy)


30 “Pike’s Peak from the Garden of the Gods.” n.d. (original)

31 “Powell First White Man To See Canyon.” The Argus 50th Annual Supplement. (copy)

32 “Program for the Dedication of Expedition Island National Historic Site.” 1969. (original)

33 “South Africa Eyes a New Way in From the Cold.” The Chicago Sun Times 18 May 1969. (copy)
IV. 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