

A TREASURE TROVE: *The Kolb Collection*



THE KOLB BROTHERS EMBODIED the rugged individualism and frontier spirit of pioneers in Arizona Territory. For admirers of early Arizona life and those who share the Kolbs' love of the Grand Canyon, the Kolb Collection provides a wealth of materials in all media; it represents a 74-year-span of Northern Arizona history, from pre-statehood to the latter part of the 20th century.

Housed at Northern Arizona University's Cline Library Special Collections and Archives in Flagstaff, Arizona, the Kolb Collection consists of 80,000 photographs, 40,000 feet of motion picture film, 45 linear feet of business records and personal correspondence, more than two dozen oral history tapes, copies of all 27 hardcover printings of Ellsworth Kolb's book *Through the Grand Canyon from Wyoming to Mexico*, and an assortment of historic cameras.

The collection serves as a valuable source for Grand Canyon history, as well as a fascinating window to the history of photographic technology in the 20th century.

More than 10,000 images from the Kolb Collection and the "Grand Canyon Film Show" are now accessible online via the Colorado Plateau Archives at

<http://archive.library.nau.edu/index.php>.

For more information, contact special.collections@nau.edu or call (928) 523-5551.

The Cline Library is indebted to the Kolb, Lehnert, and Draper families for sharing this treasure with the public.



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