Collection Overview

Repository: Decker Library, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD

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Title: William Henry Jackson Photochrom Collection

Dates: ca. 1895 - 1908 and n.d.

Quantity: 187 items

Abstract: The collection consists of 187 photo-reproduction prints (most in color) made by the William Henry Jackson and the Detroit Photographic Company.

Historical / Biographical Note:
William Henry Jackson (1843-1942) was an American painter, photographer and publisher. Already an accomplished painter, Jackson served in the Civil War, after which he traveled in the United States and abroad as a photographer under the auspices of several corporate and governmental entities, producing a large quantity of documentary images.

In the 1890s, Jackson joined the Detroit Publishing Co. and provided them with his stock of ~10,000 negatives, which became the bulk of the company’s inventory. From the negatives, the company produced for images for sale, ranging from postcards to mammoth-plate panoramas. The images form an extensive documentary archive of the United States and nearby geographical areas.

The collection here utilizes the Photochrom process, where colorized images are produced from black-and-white photographic negatives via the direct photographic transfer of a negative onto lithographic printing plates. The process is a photographic variant of chromolithography, a broader term that refers to color lithography in general.
**Provenance:** Gift, Caroline B. Bowersox, 2014 and 2015.

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**Alternative forms available:** Numerous examples of William Henry Jackson Photochroms are digitized and available online through libraries in the U.S.A.. See Related Materials for one example (Library of Congress). Image samples are also included at the end of this document.

**Related materials:**
- The [Library of Congress holds visual materials](https://www.loc.gov/rr/print/list/2800.html) pertaining to William Henry Jackson, including Photochrom examples from the Detroit Photographic Company, and other photographs by Jackson, as well as portraits of Jackson and his family and associates. Many of these are digitized.
- The Newberry Library in Chicago, IL has a collection of Photochroms, known as [The W.H. Jackson Photochrom Print Collection, 1898-1906](https://www.newberry.org/exhibitions/w-h-jackso).

**Scope and content:**
119 of the prints are 3.5 x 7 inches, 33 are 4.5 x 6.5 inches, and 35 are 5 x 7 inches. 31 are monochromatic, while the rest are in color.

Most of the images are outdoor scenes. All but one of the prints have a publisher’s number and subject description printed at the lower left on the front or the back, and these numbers are used to organize the collection.

Many are printed with “Detroit Photographic Co.” on the front lower right, some are printed “Copyright (date) by Detroit Photographic Co.” on front lower right, and a few say “Copyright, (date), by the Photochrom Co.” in that position.

Bracketed dates in the inventory below reflect dates recorded on a listing supplied by the donor, but not printed on the actual item.
The listing provided by the donor identifies several of the images as being included in the following publication:
(Decker Library call number: TR140 .J33 B37 1994 stacks)

**Arrangement:** Arranged by size and by publisher’s print number.

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Colorado  
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New Mexico  
Mexico  
Florida  
Niagara Falls  
Washington, D.C.  
Michigan  
Mexico  
Quebec  
Thousand Islands  
New Jersey  
Pennsylvania

**Names:**
Detroit Photographic Co.  
Jackson, William Henry, 1843-1942

**LC Subjects:**
California -- Pictorial works  
Colorado -- Pictorial works  
West (U.S.) -- Pictorial works

**Types of Materials:**
Photochrom prints -- 1851-1900  
Photochrom prints -- 1901-1950
Container Listing
1 Box with 17 folders

Folders 1-3: Items # [000]1 - 0050. 31 items @ 4.5 x 6.5 inches. All monochromatic.
Folders 4-14: Items # 51001 - 51426. 121 items @ 3.5 x 7 inches, unless noted 4.5 x 6.5 inches
Folders 15-17: Items # [14142] - 53242. 35 items @ 7 x 9 inches

Inventory

Folders 1-3: 31 items @ 4.5 x 6.5 inches, all monochromatic.

Folder 1 -- [000]1 - 0018
[000]1 – Alpine Pass.

[0]002 – Rio las Anima Canon. [1905].

[0]004 – Chipeta Falls, Black Canon of the Gunnison.

[0]006 – Cheyenne Mountain.

[0]007 – Clear Creek Canon.

[0]009 – Mines in Eagle River Canon. [1898].

0010 – Balanced Rock, Garden of the Gods. [1908].

0014 – Lake San Cristoval. [1898].


0017 – Pike’s Peak from the Garden of the Gods.

0018 – Pike’s Peak from near Colorado City.

Folder 2 -- 0019 - [0]036
0019 – Crossing the Timber Line, Pike’s Peak Railway. [1898].

0021 – Spanish Peaks.

0022 – Upper Twin Lake.

0023 – Ute Pass.
0024 – Hanging Rock, William’s Canon.

0025 – Castle Gate, Price Canon, Utah. [1898].

[0]028 – Hanging Rock, Clear Creek Canon. Detroit Photographic Co. [1898].

0030 – The Old Roadmaster, Clear Creek Cañon. Detroit Photographic Co. [1898].

0031 – The Georgetown Loop, Colorado. Detroit Photographic Co. [1906].

[0]036 – Box Cañon, Ouray, Colorado.

Folder 3 -- 0039 - 0050
0039 – Niagara Falls from Steel Arch Bridge. Copyright 1900 by Detroit Photographic Co.

0040 – American Fall from Foot of Incline. Detroit Photographic Co.

[0]041 – American Fall from Goat Island, Niagara. Copyright 1906 by Detroit Photographic Co.

[0]042 – American Fall in Winter, Niagara. Detroit Photographic Co.

0043 – Rock of Ages and American Fall, Niagara. Detroit Photographic Co. [ca. 1898].

0044 – Horseshoe Fall from Goat Island, Niagara. Detroit Photographic Co.

0045 – Horseshoe Fall, Niagara. Copyright 1900 by Detroit Photographic Co.

0048 – Whirlpool Rapids, Niagara. Copyright 1900 by Detroit Photographic Co.

0049 – Whirlpool Rapids, Niagara. Detroit Photographic Co. [1898].

0050 – Niagara River from Queenston. Detroit Photographic Co.

Folders 4-13: 119 items @ 3.5 x 7 inches, unless noted 4.5 x 6.5 inches, all in color.

Folder 4 -- 51001 - 51025
51001 - Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado.

51002 - Pike's Peak from near Colorado City.
51006 - Sunrise from Pike's Peak. c. 1899.

51007 - Manitou, Colorado.

51009 - Cathedral Spires, Garden of the Gods.

51017 - Ouray.

51018 - Ouray and Silverton Toll Road.

51019 - Rockie Mountain "Canaries."

51020 - Pike's Peak from Gateway. Colorado.

51023 - Currecanti Needle, Black Cañon, Colorado.

51025 - Dome Rock, Platte Cañon, Colorado.

Folder 5 -- 51027 - 51050

51027 - Needle Mountains, Colorado.

51028 - Snowy Range from Bellevue, Colorado.

51029 - Mount Sneffels Range. Colorado.

51039 - A Cowboy.


51044 - Colorado. Placer Mining.

51047 - Colorado. Miner's Cabin in Winter.

51048 - Colorado. A Miner's Blacksmith.

51049 - [The Birth of A Century: Plate 60,] Colorado. Dug Out Cabins. Note: this item has a fingerprint.

Folder 6 -- 51051-51109
51051 - Colorado. Burros at Silver Mine.
51054 - Colorado. Pack Train on Mountain Road.
51063 - Colorado. Mt Sopris from Spring Gulch Mine.
51073 - Fishing on William’s Fork, Middle Fork, Colorado.
51101 - Temple Square, Salt Lake. [1900].
51104 - The Rapids above the Falls, Niagara.
51107 - Horseshoe Fall from Goat Island, Niagara.
51109 - The Horseshoe Fall, Niagara.

Folder 7 -- 51113 - 51152
51113 - Niagara Fall from Below.
51115 - Mills on the American Shore, Niagara Falls.
51128 - Michigan, The Lighthouse, Palmer Park, Detroit.
51135 - Alcatraz and the Golden Gate, San Francisco.
51136 - The Seal Rocks, Cliff House, San Francisco.
51144 - California, Mirror Lake, Yosemite Valley.
51147 - The Altar, Church of Guadalupe, City of Mexico.
51148 - Lavanderas, City of Mexico.
51149 - Canal de la Viga, City of Mexico.

51150 - Aztec Calendar Stone, City of Mexico.

51151 - Aztec Sacrificial Stone, City of Mexico.

51152 - Mexico, An Aztec Idol, Teoyaomiqui.

Folder 8 -- 51154 - 51180
51154 - Mexican Carreta, Chihuahua.

51155 - Mexico Portales of Market, Aguas Calientes.

51157 - Mexico. The Castle of Chapultepec.

51162 - Mexico, A Pulque Shop, Tacubaya.

51165 - A Mexican Hacienda.

51166 - Mexico. Falls of Juanacatlan.

51169 - California. The Drive in Cooper's Cañon.

51170 - California, Palms at Glen Annie.

51171 - California. Border of Margharitas, Pasadena.

51172 - New Mexico. Pueblo de Taos.

51173 - New Mexico. Pueblo de Taos.

51179 - Florida. A Tributary of the St. John's.

51180 - Acoma, New Mexico.

Folder 9 -- 51183 - 51210
51183 - Utah. Witch Rocks, Weber Cañon. [1900].

51184 - Utah. The Devil's Slide, Weber Cañon.

51188 - Utah. The Giant's Club and Kettle, Green River.
51196 - Marengo Avenue, Pasadena.

51201 - East Side Park, Los Angeles.

51202 - West Side Park, Los Angeles.

51204 - A California Orange Tree.

51206 - [The Birth of a Century: Plate 85.] Woman at the Matate, Moki Pueblos. [1895].

51208 - Patient Toil, Moki Pueblos, Arizona. [c. 1902].

51210 - Bringing in the Harvest, Moki Pueblos. [c. 1902].

Folder 10 -- 51211 - 51265

51211 - A Chinese Maiden.

51217 - Rapids of the Sainte Mary's River.

51221 - Yucca Cactus at Hesperia, California.

51224 - The Capitol at Washington. c. 1902.

51228 - Dogwood Blossoms.

51236 - Relics of an Ancient Race, Pueblo of San Juan, N.M.

51258 - Residence on Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena Cal.


51260 - View from Smiley's Heights, Redlands, Cal.

51264 – The Lake, Lucky Baldwin’s Ranch, Pasadena, Cal. (4.5 x 6.5 inches)

51265 - Ramona’s Marriage Place, San Diego Cal.

Folder 11 -- 51266 - 51297

51266 - The Lodge Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, Cal.

51267 – Spring House Shasta Springs, Cal. (4.5 x 6.5 inches)
51271 - Old House at Far Hills, N.J.
51272 - Lake Hopatcong, N.J.
51279 - Falls in Nay Aug Park, Scranton, PA.
51280 - Plunge Bath, Hot Springs, S.D.
51285 - Going to the Spring, Pueblo of San Juan, N.M.
51286 - An "Estufa", Pueblo of Taos, N.M.
51287 - Packing Wood, Santa Fe, N.M.
51289 - Provo Falls, Utah.
51297 - Fort Sumpter.

**Folder 12 -- 51311 - 51339**
51311 - Golden Gate from Berkeley Heights.
51312 - Lake Merritt, Oakland, California.
51313 - Alligator Head, La Jolla.
51315 - Throop Polytechnic Institute, Pasadena.
51316 - The Country Club, Pasadena.
51319 - Residence of Mr. A. K. Smiley. Redlands.
51335 - Main Entrance & Driveway, Leland Stanford Junior University.
51337 - Western Entrance to Inner Quadrangle, Leland Stanford Junior University.
51338 - Encina Hall, Leland Stanford Junior University.
51339 - Whirlpool Rapids, Niagara. c. 1900.
Folder 13 -- 51341 - 51358
51341 - John Jacob Astor House, Mackinac Island. c. 1901.
51342 - The Grove at Bay View, Michigan. c. 1901.
51348 - Champlain Statue, Quebec. c. 1901.
51349 - Wolfe and Montcalm Monument, Quebec. c. 1901.
51351 - Split Rock Rapids, St. Lawrence River. 1901.
51352 - Coteau Rapids, St. Lawrence River. 1902.
51355 - Hopewell Hall and Castle Rest. Thousand Islands, c. 1902.
51356 - Palisades Rift, Thousand Islands. c. 1901.
51357 - In the Thousand Islands. c. 1901.
51358 - Str. Toronto, St. Lawrence River. c. 1901.

Folder 14 -- 51362 - 51426
51362 - Grant Monument, Lincoln Park, Chicago. c. 1901.
51368 - Champlain Street, Quebec. c. 1901.
51370 - Grape Fruit, 1902.
51393 - Site of Old Fort Bayou, Ocean Springs, Miss. c. 1901.
51397 - Hollenbeck Park. Los Angeles. c. 1901.
51398 - The Golden Gate, San Francisco, c. 1901.
51399 - Seal Rocks. c. 1901.
51426 - A Pleasant Pasture. c. 1909.
Folders 15-17: 35 items @ 7 x 9 inches

**Folder 15 - [14142]-53081**

[14142] - [Mount of the Holy Cross in the Clouds] Note: This item has no stamped number, nor caption, but does have a small artist mark. Number and title supplied from donor’s inventory.

53006 - Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton, Cal. c. 1902.

53018 - *The Birth of a Century: Plate 103,* Glacier Point and South Dome, Yosemite Valley, Cal. c. 1898.

53026 - Mission Santa Inez. c. 1898. Note: This item has one small loss, and a small artist mark on it.

53040 - Marengo Avenue, Pasadena, California. c. 1898.

53045 - Gold of Ophir Roses, Carmelita, Pasadena. c. 1898.

53053 - California. Magnolia Avenue, East, Riverside. c. 1899.

53062 - Hollenbeck Home, Los Angeles. c. 1899.

53074 - *The Birth of a Century: Plate 105,* Castle Crags from near Castella, California. c. 1899.

53077 - *The Birth of A Century: Plate 98b,* Farnsworth's Loop Santa Catalina Island. c. 1899.

53079 - *The Birth of a Century: Plate 98a,* Sweetwater Dam, San Diego California. c. 1900.

53081 - Loop and Tunnels, Siskiyou Mountains, California. c. 1900.

**Folder 16 - 53089-53152**

53089 - California Poppies. c. 1899.

53090 - Riverside, California. c. 1900.

53091 - View on Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. c. 1901.

53092 - View on Palm Avenue, Riverside. c. 1901. Note: this item has a small loss on the lower left corner.

53094 - Hotel Metropole, Santa Catalina Island. c. 1901.
53103 - Royal Gorge, Colorado. c. 1901.

53113 - Sunrise from Pike's Peak. c. 1899.

53118 - [The Birth of a Century: Plate 16.] Cliff Palace, Mesa Verde, from the Ruins. c. 1898.

53130 - Colorado. The Sangre de Cristo from Poncha Pass. c. 1898.

53136 - Mount of the Holy Cross. c. 1900.

53151 - [The Birth of a Century: Plate 22.] Silverton & Sultan Mountain, Colorado. c. 1901.

53152 - [The Birth of a Century: Plate 64.] The Heart of the Rockies. c. 1901.

Folder 17 - 53153 - 53242

53153 - Long's Peak from Mont Alto, Colorado. c. 1901.


53201 - Florida. Tomoka River. The King's Ferry. c. 1898.

53204 - Green River Butte. c. 1898.

53205 - Bluffs of the Green River. c. 1898.

53208 - State, War and Navy Building, Washington. c. 1898.

53220 - [The Birth of a Century: Plate 218.] The Royal Ponciana, Lake Worth. c. 1898.

53223 - Old Causway near Ormond. c. 1898.

53236 - The St. John's River, Florida. c. 1898.

Image Survey
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009 - Mines in Eagle River Canon, [1898]. Folder 1.
0014 - Lake San Cristoval, [1898]. Folder 1.
American Fall from Goat Island, Niagara, copyright 1906. Folder 3.
0043 – Rock of Ages and American Fall, Niagara, [ca. 1898]. Folder 3.
51039 - A Cowboy. Folder 5.


53204 – Green River Butte. c. 1898. Folder 17.
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53091 – View on Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. c. 1901. Folder 16
51204 – A California Orange Tree. Folder 9.
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51258 – Residence on Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena Cal. Folder 10.
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