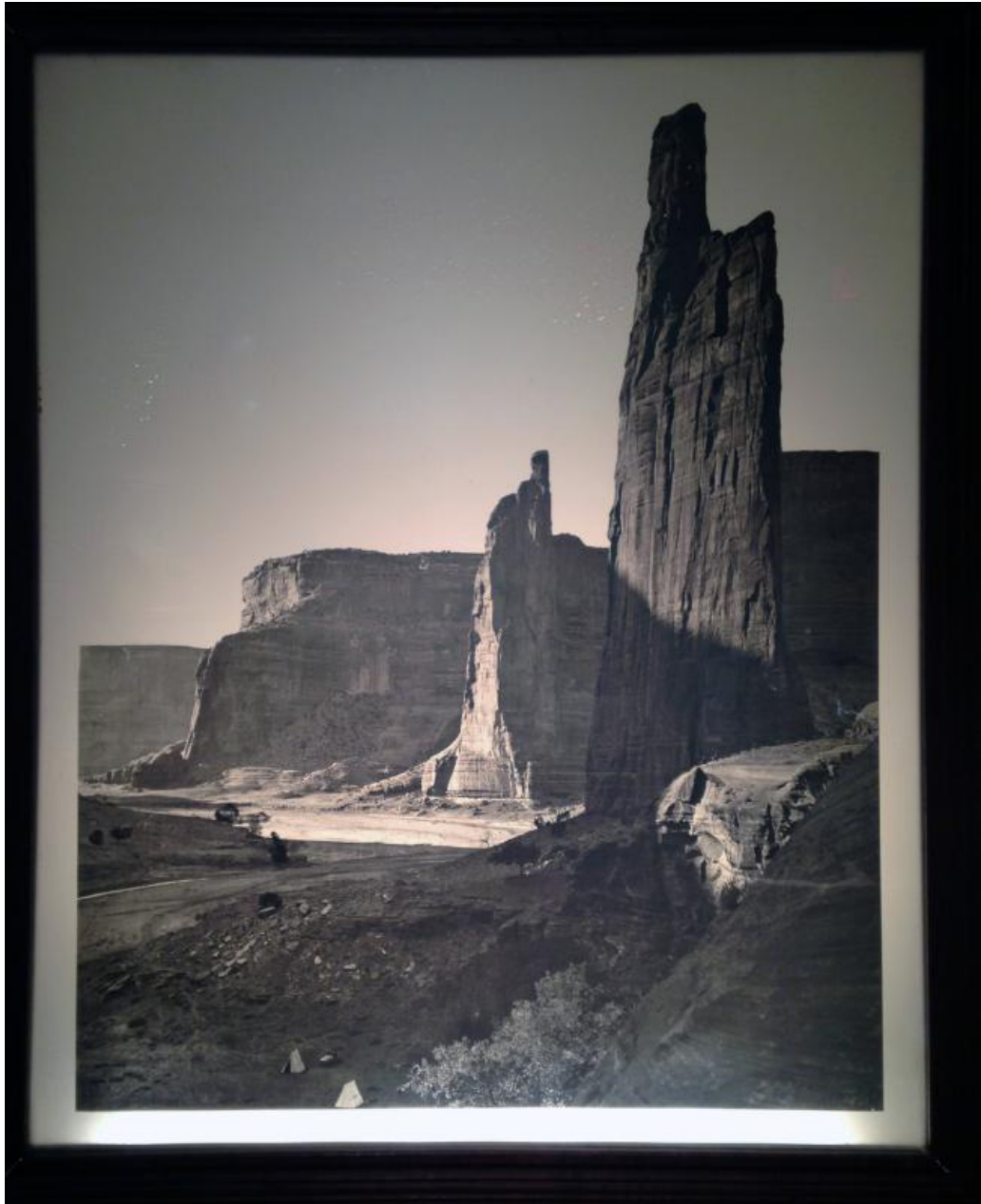


Basic Detail Report



Title: Captains of the Canyon, Canyon de Chelly, Arizona
Date: ca. 1879-1880

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Medium: Direct Glass Plate Positive

Description: In the 19th century many pioneering photographers traveled throughout the American West, producing large glass photographs of the most significant geological formations. Photographic methods were still fairly primitive; large pictures still required large negatives, and hence, a large camera. In addition, the existing collodion wet-plate process of taking and developing photographs in the field required a large quantity of supplies, particularly the heavy, fragile glass plates used for the photo negatives. Travel was arduous, and because these cumbersome glass photographs were fragile, very few examples have survived. Captains of the Canyon, Canyon de Chelly, Arizona was most likely taken when Hillers accompanied a Bureau of American Ethnology (BAE) survey into New Mexico and Arizona, from 1879 to 1880. He photographed Canyon de Chelly, the Rio Grande pueblos, and Zuni.

Dimensions: 37 1/2 x 32 in.