

L&A Treasures

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The History Center has about 200 stereographs in its Library & Archives, ranging from views of rolling Western Pennsylvanian hillsides to the smoke-ridden factories of Pittsburgh's past, from the wilds of India to ships traveling the Panama canal.

While many of those stereocards were made by the well-known Keystone View Co., other companies likewise documented the region in 3-D. Several of those firms are represented in the Archives, including S.V. Albee, R.K. Bonine, and Underwood & Underwood. Some of the area's most important natural and industrial events of the early 20th century can be found in the collection: the Johnstown Flood, the operation of heavy industrial machinery, and the vast railroad yards along the rivers.

The History Center's collection demonstrates the role that Western Pennsylvania played in the stereocard phenomenon both as a subject and as a home to the companies that popularized the cards.



Brian Butko

The History Center's Library & Archives has all you'll need to view stereocards, including original wooden viewers.

The Library & Archives is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/hswp> to search the L&A catalog.

See pages 32, 35, 37 & 43 for samples of the History Center's holdings.



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