



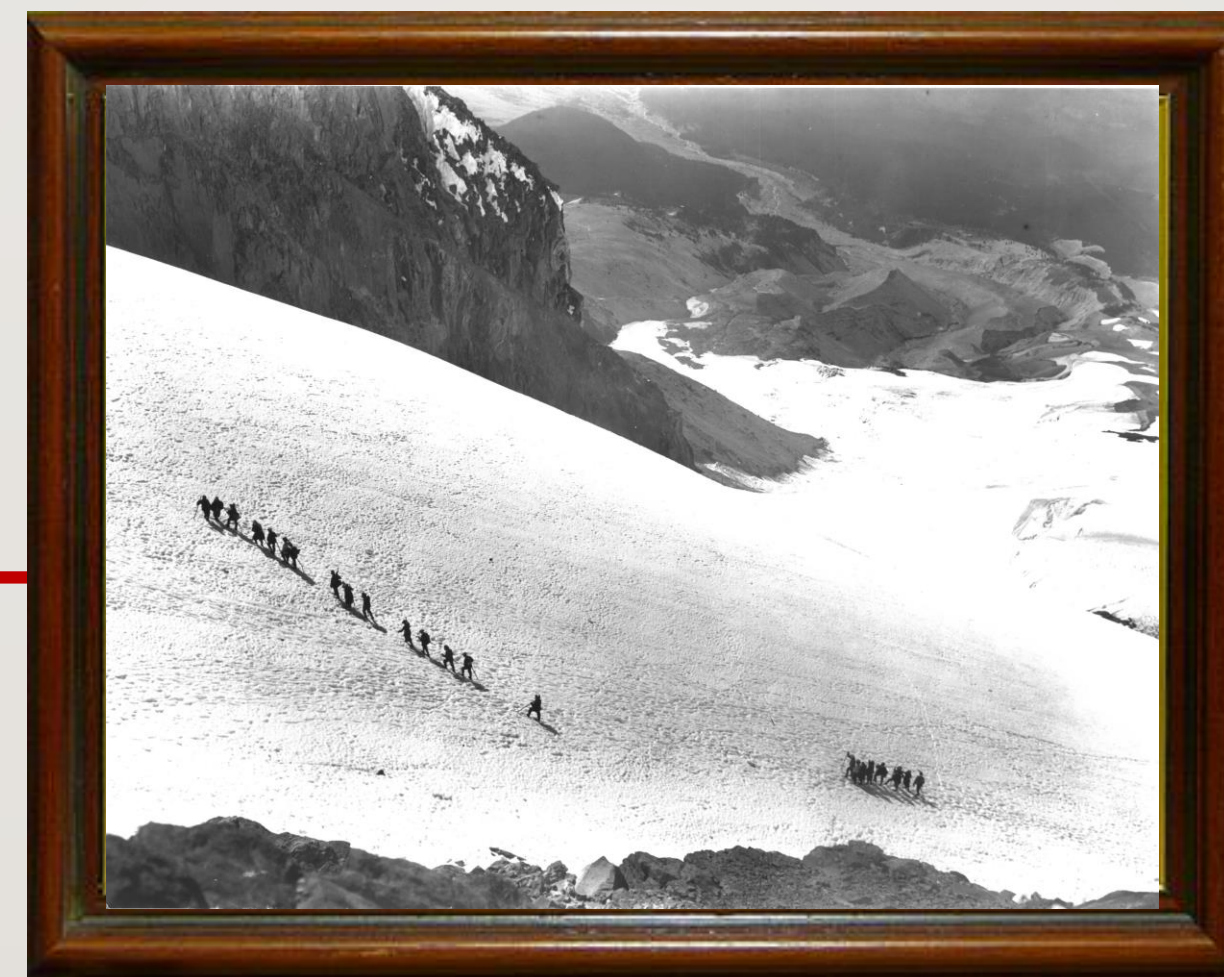
# Mazama Library & Historical Collections: Edward & Asahel Curtis Online Photography Exhibit



## About the Mazamas

The Mazamas is a Portland-based nonprofit mountaineering organization founded in 1894. The mission of the organization is to promote mountaineering through education, climbing, hiking, fellowship, safety, and the protection of mountain environments.

<http://mazamas.org/about-us/>



## About the Curtis brothers

Edward and Asahel Curtis were a pair of brothers who moved to the Pacific Northwest with their family in the late 1800's. These two brothers had a lot in common with their lives. Both brothers went into professional photography as a trade, and they both had an interest in mountaineering.



## About the Project

February 16, 2018 will mark the 150th anniversary of Edward Curtis' birth. To celebrate and to increase awareness of the organization and its library, the Mazamas wanted an online exhibit of the photographs that both Edward Curtis and his brother Asahel Curtis took of the Mazamas outings and donated to the organization while they were active members between the years 1895-1908.



## Process

1. **Research** virtual exhibit platforms, photography digitization, and metadata standards
2. **Assess** and **scan** photograph collection and **record** relevant metadata during on-site visit
3. **Create** and **apply** watermark to scanned photographs, **convert** final images from TIFF to JPEG

4. **Upload** photographs to Omeka
5. **Write** website content, including Mazamas and Curtis brother biographies, and narratives for individual expeditions
6. **Transfer** metadata into Dublin Core records for each item
7. **Publish** virtual exhibit and make public



## Outcomes & Impact

- Increase awareness of the Mazamas mountaineering organization
- Increase awareness of the Mazamas Library & Historical Collections, for both the members of the Mazamas and for the general public
- Allow the public to view and search rarely seen early photography of two prominent local photographers