The Bowman Collection is housed in multiple boxes in the AGS Library print storage room. Each Bowman expedition inventory has a slightly different format based on the information provided by Bowman and the original librarian that compiled the inventories. Most of this information was gleaned from their notes, but has been modified. To access the Bowman materials, please follow the AGS Library Rare Materials Use Policy.

No.:
Most Bowman images were numbered on the print and negative and this number was recorded in the inventory. There are some exceptions, which were either assigned numbers (which are shown in brackets, such as line 5 of the sample inventory) or for prints without matching negatives, left unnumbered and are filed with unnumbered prints listed at the bottom of the inventory.

Title:
Most titles are derived from the inventory, however some were without information and descriptions were supplied in brackets (see line 4 of sample inventory). In rare occasions titles were derived from published materials. These are identified in the notes column (example: line 5 of inventory).

Notes:
The Notes column contains any information about the condition of the image, if there are multiple prints, if there is an association with other prints (ex: line 2 of sample inventory), and/or any publishing information or associated notes (ex: lines 3 and 5).
Negative:
When this column is marked with an “x” there is a negative for this image.

Print:
When this column is marked with an “x” there is a print for this image.

Test Prints:
When this column is marked with an “x” there are test prints for this image. These are differentiated from regular prints in size, quality, or even irregular framing or trim. The number of test prints is not recorded in the record - unlike regular prints, which are indicated in the Notes column.

Page:
The page column is taken from the original inventory, which a copy reproduced on to archival paper is housed with the prints. The purpose of this information is any questions on a record can then be verified against the original inventory’s listing, with the page number immediately available.