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*Freer Gallery of Art and
Arthur M. Sackler Gallery*

Kenneth X. Robbins Collection & Papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives
Title:	Kenneth X. Robbins Collection & Papers
Identifier:	FSA.A1990.01
Date:	undated
Extent:	150 Maps (approximate count) 1,300 Color postcards (approximate count) 6 Books 60 Photographs
Creator:	Robbins, Kenneth X.
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Kenneth X. Robbins Collection & Papers

Administrative Information

Provenance

Gift of Kenneth X. Robbins, 1990.

Citation

Kenneth X. Robbins Photograph Collection. Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives. Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. Gift of Kenneth X. Robbins, 1990, 2014, 2015, 2016.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Biographical / Historical

Dr. Kenneth X. Robbins of Potomac, Maryland, psychiatrist, M.D., collector of south Asian art, and author, assembled a collection of various types of materials documenting Indian society particularly in the second quarter of the 20th century, focusing on the noble courts.

Scope and Contents

Items pertaining to the spiritual, economic, and artistic history of modern India and its princely states. Parts include: fiscal philately from the princely states of India, documents pertaining to Indian medicine (6 linear ft.), paintings, medals and coins, map of Baroda and other princely states, postcards, the collector's research files, genealogical studies of Majarajas, and memorabilia on the history of Jews in Southern Indian. Robbins document Indian society, particularly court nobles. One photograph album and three photographs comprise this collection. The photograph album documents the Silver Jubilee celebration of Mahabat Khanji Rasukhanji Babi Bahadur, the last Nawab of Junagadh in 1945, including entertainment, events, and formal and informal portraits of participants. The Nawab is shown being saluted by government officials, being weighed in silver, and receiving a gift. Performances by dancing women and marching bands are documented, as are sports such as horseback riding, rock lifting, and running. People portrayed include government officials, prisoners in chains, the Nawab, the Nawab's son, nobles such as Kau Mull Ladha with his daughter in a limousine, prominent citizens of Junagadh, and uniformed men marching.

Arrangement

1139 postage stamps: organized in 5 boxes ; arranged numerically by item catalog number and alphabetically by region

Local Numbers

FSA A1990.01

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Coins
Nobility -- India

Types of Materials:

Maps
Medals
Photographs
Postage stamps
Postcards

Geographic Names:

Asia
India -- Description and Travel -- 1901-1946
India -- Kings and rulers
Iran

Pakistan
Turkey