



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

James Riley Sever Lantern Slide Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives
Title:	James Riley Sever Lantern Slide Collection
Identifier:	FSA.A1998.01
Date:	1875-1877
Creator:	Sever, James Riley Child, Thomas (Photographer)
Extent:	84 Lantern slides (black and white and color)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Image(s): James Riley Sever Lantern Slide Collection

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by James Riley Sever, 1998. Slides were obtained by Sever from Mrs. Barker, a neighbor of his sister's in Fairlington (Alexandria, Virginia) while she was moving in the summer of 1962. The slides were to be discarded as garbage. Then, stored in closet for 35 years while Sever was employed by as a Foreign Service Office of the United States Information Agency.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Biographical / Historical

William Hayes Ward (1835-1916) was a Congregationalist minister, Orientalist, and editor of the "The Independent", a weekly religious newspaper. Sir Harry Smith Parkes (1828-1885) was a British diplomat who worked mainly in China and Japan.

Scope and Contents

Stereopticons 1875-1877; undated mostly black and white and a few hand-colored, some captioned and numbered, assembled by an unknown source to depict views of China, including images of the imperial Summer Palace, in particular the ruins of the Yuanmingyuan taken in 1877 by amateur photographer Thomas Child; the environs of Peking (Beijing), including the Great Wall, Ming Tombs, the observatory, pagodas, the Temple of Heaven and others; a monastery near Foochow (Fuzhou); views of Formosa (Taiwan); a Canton street scene; villages; Chinese workers in various activities; a portion of an English-Chinese lexicon; and works of art depicting Prince Kung, Sir Harry Smith Parkes (1828-1885), "Ward of Salem" [likely William Hayes Ward (1835-1916)], and Christopher Columbus.

Arrangement

Organized in 2 boxes (.5 linear ft.) by slide number and topic.

Local Numbers

FSA A1998.01

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

Lantern slides

Names:

Columbus, Christopher
Parkes, Harry, Sir, 1828-1885
Ward, William Hayes, 1835-1916

Places:

Beijing (China)
Canton (China)
China
China -- Description and Travel
Taiwan