



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

Russell Hamilton Postcard
and Photograph Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives
Title:	Russell Hamilton Postcard and Photograph Collection
Identifier:	FSA.A2001.13
Date:	circa 1895-1909
Extent:	193 Items (postcards and photographs; black and white and color)
Creator:	Hamilton, Russell, d. 1911
Language:	Multiple languages .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Russell Hamilton Postcard and Photograph Collection

Administrative Information

Provenance

Originally given to Hamilton's wife, Ethyl Mary Hadwen Hamilton, as souvenirs of his trips. After her death, her daughter, Mary Shepherd Slusser, received them and in 2001 subsequently donated them to the Freer/Sackler in. 49 postcards depicting Madagascar, Mauritius, and the Seychelles were then transferred to the Eliot Elisofon Archives at the National Museum of African Art in February, 2002.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the repository.

Scope and Contents

Assembled by English petty officer Russell Hamilton (d. 1911) during his voyages made prior to 1909, likely for the British Merchant Marines, documenting images of China, Egypt, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Kuwait, Oman, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Somalia, Sri Lanka, and Yemen. The items date from between the late 1890's and 1909. The 183 photographic postcards are both black and white and hand-tinted with many captions in English created for Western audiences. They were produced by various publishers, among whom Clifton & Co. The 10 silver prints depict people in daily activities, culture groups, street scenes, city views, architectural monuments and landscapes.

Arrangement

The postcards are organized by geographic location.

Local Numbers

FSA A2001.13

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

Photographs
Postcards

Geographic Names:

China -- Description and Travel
Egypt -- description and travel
Hong Kong -- Description and Travel
India -- description and travel
Japan -- Description and Travel
Kuwait
Oman
Somalia
Sri Lanka -- 1890-1920
Yemen