



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

Album of Iranian Photographic Portraits

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives
Title:	Album of Iranian Photographic Portraits
Date:	undated
Identifier:	FSA.A2012.05
Creator:	Unknown Abdullah Mirza Qajar, 1850-1909
Extent:	1 Item (Album (76 photoprints); b&w) 76 Items (Photographic prints; b&w)
Language:	Handwritten annotations in Persian.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Album of Iranian Photographic Portraits

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Purchase; 2014.

Citation

Album of Iranian Photographic Portraits. Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives. Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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

Scope and Contents

A family compiled album bound in gold embossed green leather and sold by Au Bon Marche, Paris. Seventy-six informal and studio individual portraits or groups by a variety of photographers from the 1860s to the 1940s or later. Subjects are likely family members, although formal portraits of royalty are also included. Formats range from large cabinet prints to cartes de visites, and are inserted into pockets rather than glued onto pages. Many of the prints have been cut down to fit into the cartes de visite pockets of the album. Most of the photographs have Persian language annotations written in pen or pencil.

Arrangement

Images indexed by original photographic print number.

Local Numbers

FSA A2012.05

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Clothing and dress
- Hairstyles
- Jewelry
- Landscapes
- Military
- Palaces
- Portrait photography
- Qajar dynasty -- Iran -- 1794-1925
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- Royalty (Nobility)
- Women
- headgear

Cultures:

- Qajar dynasty -- Iran -- 1794-1925

Types of Materials:

- Albumen prints
- Cartes-de-visite
- Photograph albums
- Photographic prints
- Studio portraits

Names:

- Nāsir al-Dīn Shāh, Shah of Iran, 1831-1896

Places:

- Asia
- Iran