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Emma A. Koch photograph collection of India,
South Asia, and Australia, circa 1862-1885

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Emma A. Koch photograph collection of India, South Asia, and Australia
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.161
Date:	circa 1862-1885
Extent:	165 mounted prints (circa 165 mounted prints; albumen)
Creator:	Koch, Emma Augusta, 1847-1932
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Emma Augusta Koch to the United States National Museum in 1903 (accession 40922). Three photographs were found in the files in the office of Gus Van Beek, an anthropologist at the Smithsonian, and transferred to the National Anthropological Archives, 1979. Four photographs were originally in the Division of Physical Anthropology photograph collection.

Location of Other Archival Materials

This collection has been relocated from Photo Lot 79-38.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Photographs in the Koch Collection (accession 40922), previously filed in Photo Lot 97 and Photo Lot 8, have been relocated and merged with Photo Lot 161. These photographs were also collected and donated by Koch in 1903 and form part of this collection.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs by Bourne & Shepherd can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 82-44, Photo Lot 91-27, and Photo Lot 97.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs by Shepherd & Robertson can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 8.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives hold additional photographs by Benjamin Simpson, Samuel Bourne, Bourne & Shepherd, Scowen & Co., and Shepherd & Robertson.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Material found in Gus Van Beek's office can also be found in the National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 79-34.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Koch also donated an album of dried flowers to the Department of Anthropology as part of accession 40922.

See others in

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Other Finding Aids

Inventory available in repository.

Available Formats

Digital surrogate is available online.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 161, Emma A. Koch photograph collection of India, South Asia, and Australia, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

Photographs collected by Emma A. Koch documenting the people and natural and built environments of India, South Asia, and Australia. The collection largely consists of images of East Indian peoples, structures, scenery, and activities, including tea making and entertainment; areas of India most commonly depicted are Assam, Bengal, and the Andaman Islands. Additional photographs portray people, architecture, and scenery in Burma, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Tibet, and Australia. Most of the photographs were likely taken by Samuel Bourne and Charles Shepherd (Bourne & Shepherd), with some made by Scowen & Co., Shepherd & Robertson, Benjamin F. Simpson, Reynolds, and Ganey.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 161, USNM ACC 40922

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Andamanese (Indic people)
- Architecture -- India
- Assamese
- Bengali (South Asian people)
- Burmese
- East Indians
- Fakirs
- Kashmiri (South Asian people)
- Nepalese
- Pakistanis
- Pushtuns
- Sinhalese (Sri Lankan people)
- Tea trade
- Tibetans

Cultures:

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- Kashmiri (South Asian people)
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- Pakistanis
- Pushtuns
- Sinhalese (Sri Lankan people)
- Tibetans

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Bourne & Shepherd
- Bourne, Samuel, 1834-1912
- Scowen & Co.
- Shepherd & Robertson
- Shepherd, Charles

Geographic Names:

- Afghanistan
- Andaman Islands (India)
- Assam (India)
- Australia
- Bengal (India)
- Burma

India
Jammu and Kashmir (India)
Nepal
Pakistan
Rajasthan (India)
Sri Lanka
Tibet (China)