



# Smithsonian

*National Museum of Natural History*

Robert W. Shufeldt photograph of  
American Legation in Seoul, circa 1884

Sarah Ganderup

2012 September 04

National Anthropological Archives  
Museum Support Center  
4210 Silver Hill Road  
Suitland, Maryland 20746  
Business Number: Phone: 301.238.1310  
Fax Number: Fax: 301.238.2883  
naa@si.edu  
<http://www.anthropology.si.edu/naa/>

## Table of Contents

Collection Overview .....	
Administrative Information .....	1
Biographical Note .....	1
Scope and Contents .....	2
Names and Subjects .....	

## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Robert W. Shufeldt photograph of American Legation in Seoul
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1884
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.81-64
<b>Creator:</b>	Shufeldt, Robert Wilson, 1822-1895 (Collector)
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Glass positive
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

---

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Deposited by Robert W. Shufeldt in the United States National Museum as part of a larger collection of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean art, circa 1885. Donated to the museum by Robert Shufeldt's daughter, Mary A. Shufeldt, in 1901 (accession 38151). This photograph was transferred to the National Anthropological Archives by Linda Eisenhardt of the Department of Anthropology Processing Lab, 1981.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs and manuscripts collected by Shufeldt can be found in the National Anthropological Archives in Photo Lot 97, MS 211195, and MS 7356.

### Preferred Citation

Photo lot 81-64, Robert W. Shufeldt photograph of American Legation in Seoul, 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.

---

## Biographical Note

Commodore Robert Wilson Shufeldt (1822-1895) was an American naval officer and diplomat in Asia. He was sent to China, Japan, and Korea on a commercial and diplomatic mission between 1878 and 1887. In 1882, he and Korean commissioners signed the Treaty of Peace, Amity, Commerce and Navigation, which, among other stipulations, provided for the appointment of diplomatic and consular representatives. While there, may have come into contact with Lucius Foote and Dr. Horace N. Allen. Foote was the first Minister to Korea, appointed in 1883 and Allen became United States Minister Plenipotentiary (Ambassador) to the Korean Empire and consul general in 1897.

## Scope and Contents

Photograph depicting Americans Dr. Horace N. Allen, Lucius Foote, and Mrs. Foote with their Korean interpreter and other Korean officials in front of the American Legation in Seoul.

---

## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 81-64, USNM ACC 38151

---

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Koreans

### Cultures:

Koreans

### Types of Materials:

Photographs

### Names:

Allen, Horace Newton, 1858-1932

Foote, Lucius Harwood, 1826-1913

### Places:

Seoul (Korea)

United States -- Foreign relations -- Korea