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Louis Constant Victor Rilliet photographs
and diaries, circa 1880-1900

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Louis Constant Victor Rilliet photographs and diaries
Date:	circa 1880-1900
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.83-38
Creator:	Rilliet, Louis Constant Victor (Photographer)
Extent:	2 Diaries 500 Stereographs (circa; glass)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Edward S. and Germaine M. Gallagher, 1983.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 83-38, Louis Constant Victor Rilliet photographs and diaries, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The collection is fragile, but may be open for research subject to approval by the photo archivist.
Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Louis Constant Victor Rilliet (ca. 1848-1917) was a Swiss merchant who mostly traded in silks and velvets in Europe and the Middle East. As a young man, Rilliet had wanted to become an artist, but his father forbade it. During some of his travels, he created watercolor illustrations in his diaries and made stereographic views on glass.

Scope and Contents

Photographs and diaries made by Louis Constant Victor Rilliet during his business trips throughout Europe and the Middle East. The photographs largely document scenery, buildings, people, and transportation. The diaries, dated 1880 and 1891-1892, discuss visits to Greece, Cyprus, Romania, Egypt, Tunisia, Palestine, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Austria, Germany, Turkey, Syria, Malta, Lebanon, Iran, Albania, Switzerland, and England. A viewer for Rilliet's glass stereographs, probably a veriscope, is also available in the collection.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 83-38

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

- Photographs
- Stereoscopic photographs

Places:

- Albania
- Austria
- Belgium
- Cyprus
- Denmark
- Egypt
- England
- Germany
- Greece
- Holland
- Iran
- Lebanon
- Malta
- Palestine
- Romania
- Switzerland
- Tunisia
- Turkey