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Gladys Gilbert photograph and postcard
collection from India and Nepal, circa 1870-1950

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Gladys Gilbert photograph and postcard collection from India and Nepal
Date:	circa 1870-1950
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.91-27
Creator:	Gilbert, Gladys (Collector)
Extent:	2 Mounted prints (2 mounted prints that have been painted) 131 Postcards (collotype (including tinted), halftone, color halftone, and photogravure) 1,580 Prints (circa 1580 mounted and unmounted prints; silver gelatin and albumen (including cartes-de-visite, cabinet cards)) 200 Postcards (circa 200 photographic postcards) 24 Prints (Album ; collotype)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Michael Cairney, Gladys Gilbert's husband, in accordance with her will, 1990.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs by Bourne & Shepherd held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 82-44, Photo Lot 97, and Photo Lot 161.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs by Johnston & Hoffmann held in the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives in the Milton S. Eisenhower Library South Asian Architecture Photograph Collection (A1989.1).

Preferred Citation

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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

Gladys Gilbert (ca. 1946-1989) was a public health specialist in the Peace Corps and the United States Agency for International Development (AID). She received a masters degree in public health from the University of Pittsburgh. Shortly thereafter, she volunteered with the Peace Corps (1968-1970), where she worked as a health nutrition teacher trainer in Usilampatti, Tamil Nadu. After a short stint with the World Bank, Gilbert joined AID in the late 1970s, ultimately serving in India, Nepal, Somalia, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Somalia and Sudan. Gilbert was killed in the 1989 plane crash which also killed Texas Congressman George "Mickey" Leland. At the time of her death, she was AID's special projects officer in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Scope and Contents

Photographs in albums acquired or compiled by Gladys Gilbert depicting Indian and Nepalese people, as well as prominent Europeans. Most of the photographs are portraits, including the Rana family, who ruled as prime ministers of Nepal, kings of Nepal, the Maharajah of Jaipur, and men in military uniform, as well as members of the British royalty and the 1911 royal tour of King George V and Queen Mary. In addition, there are images of hunting, military parades, architecture and temples, and religious and civic ceremonies. A set of photographs show Katmadu and Bhaktipur during the 1920s, and a few photographs depict Prime Minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru, Louis Mountbattan, and the Indian cabinet shortly after independence. Another set shows Nehru visiting Ladakh.

One album bears the stamp of the library of "H. H. the Maharaja," 1933. Most of the portraits were made by Herzog & Higgins, Johnston & Hoffmann, and Bourne & Shepherd. There is also a large series of photographs published by W. Newman & Co.

Local Call Number(s)

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Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Architecture
- Armed Forces
- British
- East Indians
- Hunting
- Nepalese
- Parades

Cultures:

- British
- East Indians
- Nepalese

Names:

Bourne & Shepherd
D. Macropolo & Co.
Dawkes & Partridge
G.W. Lawrie and Co
George V, King of Great Britain, 1865-1936
Herzog & Higgins
Johnston & Hoffman
London Stereoscopic Company
Manicum, S. M.
Matzene Studio
Moorli Dhur & Sons
Nehru, Jawaharlal, 1889-1964
Paar, Th. (Thomas) (Darjeeling)
Raphael Tuck & Sons
Rotary Photo
Rāṇā dynasty
S. Mahadeo & Son
Thacker, Spink & Co.
W. Newman & Co.
Wiele & Klein

Places:

Great Britain
India
Nepal