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Robert and Elizabeth Webb
photographs of world travels, 1938-1996

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Robert and Elizabeth Webb photographs of world travels
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.98-9
Date:	1938-1996
Extent:	53 Slides (53 black and white copy slides) 20 color slides (circa) 1,500 Prints (circa; silver gelatin (some in photo albums)) 1,000 Items (circa 1000 copy color prints (made from slides))
Creator:	Webb, Robert Watkins, 1906-1998
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Robert W. Webb and Elizabeth Webb through Charles G. Markward, 1998.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The DeGolyer Library of Southern Methodist University holds Robert W. Webb photographs.

Other Finding Aids

Inventory available in repository.

Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 98-9, Robert and Elizabeth Webb photographs of world travels, 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

Robert Watkins Webb (1906-1998) graduated from Southern Methodist University and received his medical degree from Tulane University in 1933. Before starting his psychiatry practice in Dallas, Webb traveled around the world, returning on the SS Normandie to New York (1938). An amateur photographer, Webb documented this and subsequent foreign trips, later submitting some of his photographs to the Dallas Museum of Art. He served four years in the Army during World War II, stationed primarily in Port Moresby, New Guinea. He later became chief psychiatrist of the Veterans Administration clinic in Washington, DC, from 1946-1950. In 1952, he married Elizabeth Nutting, a psychiatric social worker, while cruising the Mediterranean.

Scope and Contents

Photographs made by Robert and Elizabeth Webb in numerous locations across the world, including Asia (China, Japan, Taiwan, Philippines, Borneo, Singapore, Thailand, Burma, Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, and Russia); the Balkans (Czech Republic, Croatia, Yugoslavia, Montenegro, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, and Poland); Europe (Spain, England, France, Italy, Greece, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, and Portugal); the Middle East (Egypt, Iran, Israel, and Palestine); Africa (Kenya, Morocco, Somalia, Mozambique, and South Africa); South America (Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Brazil, Yucatan, and Guatemala); and North America (Canada, Florida, Washington state, Alaska, Hawaii, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah). The photographs largely document architecture and art, including historical sites, though there are additional images of parades, transportation, cities, villages, markets, waterways, and people.

Commercial slides in the collection are by Swiss-Foto, E. Djupdraet, Herz-Color-Dias, Hong Kong Color Slide Service, SK Slide Co., Lehnert & Landrock, Douglas Whiteside, Vacation Films, Arctic Circle Enterprise, HI-FI Color Slides, Pana-Vue Slides, CP Inc., Jordan's Colour Lab, Hawaii Chrome, Syon House, John Decopoulos, La Goelette, and Zerkowitz. Notes by Robert Webb and original photograph albums are also available with the collection.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 98-9

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Architecture

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Webb, Elizabeth N. (possible photographer)

Geographic Names:

Austria -- description and travel
Borneo -- description and travel
Brazil -- Description and Travel
Bulgaria -- description and travel
Burma -- Description and Travel
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