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Helen Hamilton Gardener photograph
collection, circa 1900-1910

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Helen Hamilton Gardener photograph collection
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.98
Date:	circa 1900-1910
Extent:	300 Negatives (circa; nitrate) 1,160 Lantern slides (circa) 14 Prints (silver gelatin) 15 Copy negatives (glass)
Creator:	Gardener, Helen H. (Helen Hamilton), 1853-1925 (collector and possible photographer)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated to the United States National Museum by Helen Hamilton Gardener's niece Helen Gardener Crane in 1926 (accession 90351).

Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional photographs collected by Gardener are held in National Anthropological Archives Photo Lot 97.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Artifacts collected by Gardener are held in the Department of Anthropology collections in accessions 90351 and 89779.

See others in

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Other Finding Aids

Caption list for lantern slides is available in repository.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 98, Helen Hamilton Gardener photograph collection, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

Original nitrate negatives are in cold storage and require advanced notice for viewing.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Helen Hamilton Gardener (1853-1925), born Alice Chenoweth in Virginia in 1853, was an author, feminist, and public official. Educated at the Cincinnati (Ohio) Normal School (graduated 1873), Chenoweth moved with her first husband, Charles S. Smart, to New York City in 1880. There, Chenoweth studied biology at Columbia University, lectured on sociology at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, and came into contact with the theories of freethinker Robert G. Ingersoll. Chenoweth published her own lectures on freethinking in *Men, Women, and Gods, and Other Lectures* (1885), at which point she adopted the name Helen Hamilton Gardener. Gardener's feminism came to fruition in 1888, when she refuted the claim that the female brain was inferior to men's in her article "Sex in Brain," joining the struggle for equal rights for women. In 1902, Gardener married her second husband, Lieutenant Colonel Selden Allen Day, a Civil War veteran who organized the first battalion of the Puerto Rican regiment under US control. The couple embarked on a five-year worldwide tour in July 1902, finally settling in Washington, DC. Gardener served as the National American Women Suffrage Association's vice president (1917) and its chief liaison to the Wilson Administration during the passage of the nineteenth amendment. President Wilson then appointed her to the US Civil Service Commission, the highest federal position held by a woman at the time.

Scope and Contents

Photographs collected and made by Helen Hamilton Gardener, probably during a world cruise following her husband's retirement from active duty in Puerto Rico in July 1902. The photographs document people, activities, cities, and tourist sites in Japan, China, Egypt, France, Puerto Rico, and elsewhere. Gardener's lecture notes and a clipping from the *Porto Rico Review*, 1910, are available with the collection. Lantern slides in the collection were probably used in Gardener's later lectures in the United States.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 98, USNM ACC 90351

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Chinese
Egyptians
English

Filipinos
French
Germans
Hawaiians
Italians
Japanese
Puerto Ricans
Sri Lankans

Cultures:

Chinese
Egyptians
English
Filipinos
French
Germans
Hawaiians
Italians
Japanese
Puerto Ricans
Sri Lankans

Types of Materials:

Lantern slides
Photographs

Geographic Names:

China -- Description and Travel
Egypt -- description and travel
England -- description and travel
France -- description and travel
Germany -- description and travel
Italy -- description and travel
Japan -- Description and Travel
Malaysia -- Description and Travel
Philippines -- Description and Travel
Puerto Rico -- description and travel
Sri Lanka -- Description and Travel
United States -- description and travel