Guide to the Theodore Martindale Purdy Photographs and Papers

MS 1994

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Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Manuscripts and Archives
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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1994

**CREATOR:** Purdy, Theodore Martindale, 1862-1944

**TITLE:** Theodore Martindale Purdy photographs and papers

**DATES:** 1883–1931

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 12 linear feet (13 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** The material is in English.

**SUMMARY:** This collection consists of photograph albums, maps, diaries and other materials documenting the worldwide travels of Theodore Martindale Purdy from 1883 to 1931.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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**Conditions Governing Access**

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Biographical / Historical

Theodore Martindale Purdy (1862-1944) was a resident of Short Hills, New Jersey, and between the years 1883-1931, he traveled extensively around the globe. During this time, Purdy worked as a correspondent for the New York Mail and Express, writing periodic dispatches from the locations to which he traveled.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of photograph albums, maps, diaries and other materials documenting the worldwide travels of Theodore Martindale Purdy from 1883 to 1931. The photograph albums form the bulk of the collection, and they richly document the landscapes, people, and cultures of the places Purdy visited during his travels, particularly Northern Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia. There are also a small number of photographs documenting his travels in Europe, the United States, and Canada. Accompanying the photographs are Purdy’s travel journals, sketchbooks, annotated travel maps and guides, postcards, and other materials produced or collected during his many trips abroad. Additionally, the travel diary in box 12, folder 4, includes many clippings of the travel dispatches that Purdy wrote for the New York Mail and Express.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged as received from the donor.
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<td>Burma, Java, Siam, China</td>
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<td>Egypt, Ceylon, India</td>
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<td>Gibraltar, Morocco, Tunisia, Greece, Egypt, Turkey</td>
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<td>b. 5</td>
<td>Great Britain, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, United States</td>
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<td>Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Greece, Italy, France, Ceylon, Singapore, China, Japan</td>
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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects
Travelers -- United States

Geographic Names
Africa -- Description and travel
East Asia -- Description and travel
Europe -- Description and travel
South Asia -- Description and travel
Southeast Asia -- Description and travel

Genres / Formats
Photographic postcards
Photographs
Travel journals

Names
Purdy, Theodore Martindale, 1862-1944