

# Guide to the Theodore Martindale Purdy Photographs and Papers

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## Collection Overview

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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

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Peter Van Dyk Berg, 2013.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

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

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## 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*.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged as received from the donor.

## Collection Contents

### Photographs

#### Albums

b. 1	England, Holland, Switzerland, Italy	1883-1884
b. 2	Burma, Java, Siam, China	1889-1891
b. 3	Egypt, Ceylon, India	1889-1891
b. 4	Gibraltar, Morocco, Tunisia, Greece, Egypt, Turkey	1889-1891
b. 5	Great Britain, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, United States	1889-1891
b. 6	Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Greece, Italy, France, Ceylon, Singapore, China, Japan	1890
b. 7	India, Japan	1894
b. 8	Japan	1895-1900
b. 9	Japan, Canada	1895-1900
b. 10	Japan	Circa 1900
b. 11, f. 1-3	Loose photographs	Circa 1890-1900
b. 11, f. 4	Passports	1930-1931
b. 11, f. 5-7	Postcards	Circa 1890-1930
b. 12, f. 1	Ship passenger lists and routes	1892-1929
b. 12, f. 2-3	Sketchbooks	1883-1892
b. 12, f. 4-5	Travel diaries	1890-1894
b. 12, f. 6	Travel guides	1883, 1894
b. 12, f. 7	Travel maps	1883-1901
b. 13	Travel scrapbook	1883-1884

## **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