

Pictorial postcard albums

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Pictorial postcard albums
Call number	Ms. Coll. 1402
Date [inclusive]	1907-1909
Extent	3 boxes (0.7 linear foot)
Language	English
Abstract	Two volumes comprised of 235 picture postcards compiled by an unnamed person, probably from Adelaide, South Australia. The postcards represent the compiler's journey throughout British occupied India spanning the years from 1907 to 1909. Twenty-eight postcards are of European cities. A majority of the postcards have handwritten commentary and remarks on the versos creating a postcard travel journal or diary.

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Source of Acquisition

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Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Albums (books)
- Manuscripts, Australian--20th century
- Picture postcards
- Postcard albums
- Postcards

GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- Europe--Description and travel--20th century--Pictorial works
- India--Description and travel--British occupation, 1765-1947--Pictorial works
- India--Social life and customs--British occupation, 1765-1947--Pictorial works

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