

Ernest Rudolph Gunther photograph album of India

Ms. Coll. 1164

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Gunther, Ernest Rudolph, 1862-1923
Title	Ernest Rudolph Gunther photograph album of India
Call number	Ms. Coll. 1164
Date [inclusive]	1895-1896
Extent	08 linear feet (1 volume)
Language	English
Abstract	<p>This collection is composed of a photograph album containing photographs of various regions of India. The cover lists the following dates and cities: 1895-1896, Bombay, Ahmedabad, Jeypore, Amber, Delhi, Agra, Fatipur, Benares, Calcutta, Darjeeling and Madras. A few of the photos capture individuals participating in events such as the tiger hunt or the elephant ride but the majority of the photographs are of landscapes. Most of the photos are large (around 7x10 inches) and are of high artistic quality. Some of the photographs are labelled but most are not. The bookplate on the first page indicates the album was at least owned, and probably compiled, by Ernest Rudolph Gunther.</p>

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Biography/History

Ernest Rudolph Gunther (1862-1923) was a wealthy New Yorker of noble German descent. According to "America's Successful Men of Affairs" published by *The New York Tribune* in 1895, Ernest Rudolph Gunther was "a member of many of the most select clubs in New York and live[d] at No. 9 West 57th street. He [was] a clever conversationalist and extremely popular among club men and the people who comprise[d] what [was] known as the best society in New York. An invitation to one of the frequent musicales, given at his residence, [was] prized very highly by members of the New York smart set." United States Passports applications show that Gunther acquired a passport 1895.

Scope and Contents

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Administrative Information

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Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Photograph albums
- Photographs

GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- India--History--British occupation, 1765-1947--Photographs
- India--Photographs

SUBJECT(S)

- Voyages and travels

Collection Inventory

	Volume
"India," photograph album, 1895-1896.	1