Descriptive Summary

Title: Papers of Perry G. Davis
Dates: 1886-1911 (bulk 1908-1911)
Collection Number: Collection # 60
Creator/Collector: Perry G. Davis
Repository: Los Angeles Maritime Museum
San Pedro, California 90731
Abstract: The Collection of Perry G. Davis contains postcards of the early 20th century in Japan and China; it also contains one book and a leather-bound portfolio used by Perry in his journeys on Navy ships. The postcards in his collection are unique in subject matter; their quality and preservation is good to excellent in most cases; some items are damaged.
Language of Material: English
Access
The collection is open for research. Please make an appointment with the Museum Archivist or Museum Director for access to the collection.
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Biography/Administrative History
Perry G. Davis, born in 1886 in Missouri, became a sailor on ships of the Great White Fleet during its tour of the Orient from 1908 to 1909.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains unique visual material on Japan and China prior to World War I. It contains black and white and hand-colored postcards of the early 20th century in Japan and China; it also contains one book and a leather-bound portfolio used by Perry in his journeys on Navy ships. There are two professional portraits of Perry Davis: one was taken prior to joining the Navy and the other in Yokohama City, on a rickshaw. The photographs of Yokohama City depict the portside city located on Tokyo Bay, its houses and streets. When the ships of the Great White Fleet toured Japan, the crew and officers participated in sports events and were welcomed with bouquets. In China, the crew collected postcards which depicted buildings and monuments.
Indexing Terms
Battleships
Seafaring life
Yokohama City, Japan
photographic prints
photographic postcards
official documents
sailors (military)