Finding Aid for Tsingtau

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Tsingtau
Date (inclusive): 1898-1903
Number: 2002.R.37
Creator/Collector: Behme, Friedrich
Physical Description: 1.0 album(s)(90 photographic prints)
Repository: The Getty Research Institute
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Abstract: A photograph album compiled by Friedrich Behme recording the development of the German colony in the port city of Qingdao (Tsingtao) on the northeast coast of China.

Request Materials: Request access to the physical materials described in this inventory through the catalog record for this collection. Click here for the access policy.

Language: Collection material is in German

Biographical/Historical Note
Friedrich Behme was a German lawyer appointed to the civil court in Qingdao. He wrote the guidebook Führer durch Tsingtau und Umgebung (1897-1900).

Located on the south coast of the Shantung Peninsula at the eastern entrance to Jiaozhou Bay, Qingdao, once a small fishing village, occupied a strategic naval position in the Yellow Sea by the late-nineteenth century. Following the murder of two German missionaries, the Germans occupied Qingdao in 1897, and by 1898 had forced the Chinese government to concede them a 99-year lease on Jiaozhou Bay and the surrounding territory. Qingdao was declared a free port in 1899, and a branch of the Imperial Maritime Customs was established there to increase control over the region’s extensive coastal trade. Germany controlled the region until 1914 when Japan declared war on Germany and captured the port.

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Acquisition Information
Acquired in 2002.

Processing History
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Scope and Content of Collection
This album of collodion prints from 1898-1903 records the development of the German colony in the port city of Qingdao (Tsingtao) on the northeast coast of China. It begins with five panoramic views of the city with colonial landmarks identified on the mounts. The many views of streets and individual buildings that follow portray a Western-style city under construction. All aspects of the German colony are represented: civil and government buildings, businesses and banks, hotels, schools, and German-founded industries and railroads. There are views of the port, marineworks, and military installations. A sense of newness is conveyed throughout these images which show clean, but unpaved streets and newly erected buildings yet to be landscaped. Several views of buildings under construction include neat piles of bricks and other building materials. There are two images of Chinese construction workers. In addition to city views, several photographs commemorate individuals important in the history of the German colony. These include a view of the Diedrichstein monument erected in honor of Admiral von Diedrichs, who secured Jiaozhou Bay (Kiaochou Bay) and Qingdao for the Germans in 1897, and one of the monument to Paul Jaeschke, the governor-general of Qingdao from 1899-1901. There is one photograph of Graf Waldersee, who was sent to China in 1901 to coordinate the foreign resistance to the Boxer
Rebellion, with a group of officials. Also included are one studio portrait of Chinese street vendors and a few views of Chinese buildings. The album is accompanied by one modern copy photograph of a Chinese man and his two wives (image attributed to Behme), and a note card and envelope on letterhead: Kaiserliches Gouvernement, Tsingtau, addressed to Countess Lonsdale from Mrs. Truppel and dated 1903 April 25.

Title from title page. Some photographs are earlier than the date given on the title page. There are manuscript captions in German on mounts; 31 photographs have German captions in the negative.

**Arrangement note**

In original order.

**Subjects - Topics**

Architecture, Colonial--China
Diederichs, Otto von, 1843-1918--Monuments
Indigenous peoples--China
Jaeschke, Paul--Monuments.
Waldsee, Alfred, Graf von, 1832-1904

**Subjects - Places**

China--Colonization
China--Description and travel
China--History--Qing dynasty, 1644-1912
Germany--Colonies
Jiaozhou Bay (China)--Description and travel
Qingdao (China)--Buildings, structures, etc.
Qingdao (China)--Description and travel

**Genres and Forms of Material**

Collodion prints--China--19th century
Gelatin silver prints--China--20th century
Rundsicht V vom Lazarethhügel
Scope and Content Note

Prinz Heinrich von Westen gesehen

Seemannshaus
Prinz Henrich Strasse
Blick von der Wetterwarte
Blick vom Artillerielager

Kaiser Wilhelm Ufer
Scope and Content Note

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Prinz Heinrich Strasse
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Evangel. Kapelle
Scope and Content Note
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Prinz Heinrich Strasse (nach Westen) Tsingtau
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 18.

Wasserbauwerk in Haipo, Tsingtau
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 131.

Yanchai Lotterie Co. Tsingtau
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 89.

Bataillonhaus, Tsingtau
Numbered in negative: No. 124.

Hafen bau bureau, Tsingtau
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 29.

Yamen-Eingang, Tsingtau
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 15.

Wohnhaus von Gouverneur, Tsingtau
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 121.

Chinesische Kirche in Tsingtau
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 36.

Leuchthurm

Tsingtaubrücke
Numbered in negative: 194.

Weg nach dem Leuchthurm (Blick auf die Kiautschau Bucht)
Caption in negative.

Tapautaubrücke Nordseits
Numbered in negative: 196.

Tapautaubrücke Sudseits
Numbered in negative: 195.

Ostlager, Tsingtau
2002.R.37-16v.1 Kaserne I in Tsingtau
Scope and Content Note

2002.R.37-16v.2 Innertheil von Artillerielager, Tsingtau
Scope and Content Note
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: 92.

2002.R.37-16v.3 Höhnlager, Tsingtau
Scope and Content Note

2002.R.37-16v.4 Bahnstationgebäude (Tschoutsun)

2002.R.37-17r.1 Bahnstationgebäude (Nantschaun)
Scope and Content Note
Title devised by cataloger.
Numbered in negative: 197.

2002.R.37-17r.2 Train
Scope and Content Note
Numbered in negative: 197.

2002.R.37-17r.3 Bahnstationgebäude (Huan-tschipu)

2002.R.37-17r.4 Heidenmauer von dem Jamen, Tsingtau
Scope and Content Note

2002.R.37-17v.1 Musikpavillon bei Kralabucht (Tsingtau)
Scope and Content Note
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 65.

2002.R.37-17v.2 Dorf im Innern
Scope and Content Note
Numbered in negative: 175

2002.R.37-17v.3 Fronte Grabmahl verstorbenes Gouverneurs. Tsingtau
Scope and Content Note
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 119.
Name on monument: Paul Jaeschke

2002.R.37-17v.4 Chinesische Kuchenverkäufer auf dem Strasse
Scope and Content Note
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 34.
Studio portrait.

2002.R.37-18r.1 Chinesisches Theater
Scope and Content Note
Numbered in negative: 163.

2002.R.37-18r.2 Ein Chinesischer Bauer
Scope and Content Note
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 51.
Page 18 recto 2002.R.37-18r.3 *Eggen der Chinesische Bauer in Takaho*
Scope and Content Note
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 50.

Page 18 recto 2002.R.37-18r.4 *Chinesische Theater in Tsingtau*
Scope and Content Note
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 69.

Page 18 verso 2002.R.37-18v.1 *Chinesische Boote in kleinen Hafen*
Page 18 verso 2002.R.37-18v.2 *Chinesische Tagarbeiter*
Scope and Content Note
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 38.

Page 18 verso 2002.R.37-18v.3 *Chinesische Scheibkarren*
Scope and Content Note
Caption in negative. Numbered in negative: No. 39.

Page 18 verso 2002.R.37-18v.4 *Stadtmauer von Weihsien*