Finding aid for Alascheir railway, Asia Minor, constructed by Samuel Bayliss, CE, circa 1875

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Alascheir railway, Asia minor, constructed by Samuel Bayliss, CE

**Date (inclusive):** circa 1875

**Number:** 89.R.24

**Physical Description:** 1.5 Linear Feet (30 photographs in 1 album)

**Repository:**
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**Abstract:** Alascheir Railway, Asia Minor, an album of 30 albumen prints by an unknown photographer, documents the completed extension of the Smyrna Cassaba railroad from Cassaba to Alascheir (Alaşehir), Turkey, which was constructed under the direction of Samuel Bayliss and completed in 1875.

**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 English.

**Biographical / Historical**
The English company, Smyrna Cassaba Railway, built the railway of the same name in Turkey in the 1860s. In 1872 the Turkish government granted the company rights to extend the line to Alascheir, increasing the rails to 108 miles. The extension opened on 1 March 1875. The construction engineer, Samuel Bayliss (1821-1898), was a British civil engineer who oversaw the construction of railroads in Egypt and Brazil prior to his work in Turkey.

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**Preferred Citation**
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**Processing Information**
The finding aid was written by Beth Ann Guynn and input by her and Linda Kleiger.

**Digitized Materials**
Digitized by the repository in 2017 and the images are available online: http://hdl.handle.net/10020/89r24.

**Related Archival Materials**
The repository holds another album of the same title, that contains only 28 photographs and lacks an index. See the Pierre de Gigord Collection of Photographs of the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey, Special Collections accession no. 96.R.14, box 44.

**Scope and Content of Collection**
The album of 30 albumen prints by an unknown photographer documents the completed extension of the Smyrna Cassaba railroad from Cassaba to Alascheir (Alaşehir), Turkey, which was constructed under the direction of Samuel Bayliss and completed in 1875. Included are city views of Cassaba and Alascheir, station buildings, two types of bridge construction, locomotives, and railroad cars. Of particular interest are views of Sardis and the Temple of the Sibyl.

The album has brown full leather covers with gilt tooling and title on front cover. Plate titles are taken from the printed index at the beginning of the album. The plate numbers are penciled on the mounts below the lower right corners of the images.

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**Arrangement**

**Subjects - Topics**
Railroads -- Turkey
Railroad bridges -- Turkey -- Design and construction

Subjects - Places
Sardis (Extinct city)
Turkey -- Antiquities
Turkey -- Description and travel
Alaşehir (Turkey) -- Description and travel

Genres and Forms of Material
Photographs, Original
Albumen prints -- Turkey -- 19th century
Photograph albums -- Turkey -- 19th century

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Series I. Alascheir railway, Asia minor, constructed by Samuel Bayliss, CE, circa 1875

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In original order.

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89.R.24-ffe Index

Scope and Content Note
Printed index of plates.

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89.R.24-2r Type of 30 Ft. Bridge, Outside Girders

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89.R.24-3r General View of Achmetli Station, Type of 3rd Class Station

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89.R.24-4r Passenger Station, Achmetli Station, Type of 3rd Class Station

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89.R.24-5r Goods Shed, Achmetli Station, Type of 3rd Class Station

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89.R.24-6r Platelayers Hut, Achmetli Station, Type of 3rd Class Station

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89.R.24-7r Achmetli Bridge, Type of Double 30 Ft. Under Girder Bridge

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89.R.24-8r General View of Sardis

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89.R.24-9r Ruins of Sardis

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89.R.24-10r Hot Mineral Baths, Sardis

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89.R.24-11r Quarrymen at Work, Sardis

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89.R.24-12r Ruins of the Temple of Cybile, Sardis

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89.R.24-13r Kourschid Pacha Halte, Tartan Tchiflik

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89.R.24-14r General View of Salikli Station, Type of 2nd Class Station

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89.R.24-22r View of Mountains near Dere-Keui Station

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89.R.24-23r Type of 3. 30 Ft. Bridge, Under Girders

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89.R.24-24r View of Railway from the Heights of Alascheir
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