Find aid for the Views on the Isthmus album, approximately 1870

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Views on the Isthmus album
Date (inclusive): approximately 1870
Number: 95.R.20
Physical Description: 1 album (21 photographs)
Repository:
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Abstract: The album Views on the Isthmus contains 21 views, taken by an unknown photographer, of the Isthmus of Panama along the route of the Panama Railroad, roughly in the area where the Panama Canal was eventually built. Included are views of Aspinwall (Colón), the northwest terminus of the railroad and western entrance of the canal; the stations along the railroad; and Panama City, the southern railroad terminus and canal entrance.

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 Note
The views in the album were taken by an unidentified amateur photographer.

Access
Open for use by qualified researchers.

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Preferred Citation
http://hdl.handle.net/10020/cifa95r20

Acquisition information
The album was acquired in 1995.

Processing History

Scope and Content of Collection
The album contains 21 albumen photographs, taken by an unknown photographer around 1870, of the Isthmus of Panama along the route of the Panama Railroad, roughly in the area where the Panama Canal was eventually built. Included are views of Aspinwall (Colón), the northwest terminus of the railroad and western entrance of the canal; the stations along the railroad; and Panama City, the southern railroad terminus and canal entrance.

The album is bound in brown leather and closes with a silver metal clasp on its foredge. The title is written on the verso of the free front endpaper: Views on the Isthmus. The initial "V" is in the shape of a palm tree.

The photographs are only on the recto pages. Image titles are hand-printed in English in ink, watercolor and pencil with decorative capitals and floral elements on the mounts below the images. From the twelfth image onward the titles and decorations are only penciled in. There are four blank pages at the end of the album.

Arrangement
In original order.

Subjects - Places
Panama, Isthmus of (Panama) -- Description and travel
Panama (Panama) -- Description and travel
Panama -- Description and travel
Colón (Panama) -- Description and travel

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

95.R.20 Views on the Isthmus, approximately 1870

Page Title page
95.R.20-tp Title page
Scope and Content Note
Written on the verso of the free front endpaper: Views on the Isthmus. With a decorated initial "V" in the shape of a palm tree.

Page 1
95.R.20-1 Main Street, Aspinwall

Page 2
95.R.20-2 Statue Presented by the Empress Eugenie, Aspinwall

Page 3
95.R.20-3 Aspinwall on the Sea Front

Page 4
95.R.20-4 Church and Monument at Aspinwall
Scope and Content Note
Shows the John L. Stephens monument.

Page 5
95.R.20-5 Aspinwall from the Top of the Light House (sic) (Aspinwall from the Top of the Lighthouse)

Page 6
95.R.20-6 Residence of Supt. of PRR & PMSS Co.

Page 7
95.R.20-7 Mameii Station, PRR: Passing Point

Page 8
95.R.20-8 Shagus River, Gatun Station and Village (Chagrus River, Gatun Station and Village)
Scope and Content Note
The "u" in Shagus is struck through with "re" penciled above it.

Page 9
95.R.20-9 Lion Hill Station

Page 10
95.R.20-10 Buenavista (Buenavista Station)
Scope and Content Note
Superimposed over title in light black ink: Station.

Page 11
95.R.20-11 Orgona
Scope and Content Note
View of a large organ pipe cactus next to village huts.

Page 12
95.R.20-12 Panama Station

Page 13
95.R.20-13 View on the North Side of Cathedral Plaza

Page 14
95.R.20-14 Cathedral

Page 15
95.R.20-15 Pacific Mail Shops, Isle de Noa, Panama Bay

Page 16
95.R.20-16 Cathedral Plaza
Scope and Content Note
View of the Grand Hotel. 95.R.20-16 and 95.R.20-17 depict two different hotel buildings with similar names.

Page 17
95.R.20-17 Cathedral Plaza
Scope and Content Note
View of the Grand Central Hotel. 95.R.20-16 and 95.R.20-17 depict two different hotel buildings with similar names.

Page 18
95.R.20-18 City of Panama from Mt. Ancon
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