Photographs referred to in Engineer's Report, 1902-1903

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Photographs referred to in Engineer's Report
Date (inclusive): 1902-1903
Collection number: 94/329
Author: Buenos Aires Southern Dock Company, Ltd.

Physical Description: 1 album (55 photographic prints) : gelatin silver, 34 x 24 cm (album) Photographs are mounted, one to a page, on rectos and versos of leaves of stiff brown paper. Photographs (including all segments of the two panoramic photographs) are numbered 133-193, presumably to correspond to references in the Engineer’s report (although some sequences of photos are bound out of numerical order), with identifying captions and dates in white ink in lower left corner of photograph.

Bound in marbled paper boards, heavily damp stained; brown cloth spine, with white paper spine label bearing ms. title "Photographs. 10 1902 to...." Bookseller's ticket on verso of upper cover: "Monquaut & Vasquez Millan, San Martin 102 esq. Piedad, Buenos Aires."

Spec. Coll. copy: Modern mylar dust jacket; in modern beige cloth clamshell box.

Abstract: Album of 55 gelatin silver prints (178 x 235 mm), including two 4-part folding panoramas (178 x 940 mm), dated Oct. 3, 1902-May 7, 1903, documenting the construction of a large dock facility on the southern side of the Riachuelo near the South Basin of the port of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Language: Finding aid is written in English.
Language of the Material: Materials are in English.
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Biography/History
The construction of the main port of Buenos Aires, begun in 1887 with funds supplied by Argentine businessman Edward Madero, was completed in 1898. In that same year, the Buenos Aires Southern Dock Company was formed in London to build a dock on the south side of the Riachuelo, a project that had been planned ten years earlier but had never been started for lack of money.

Scope and Content
The photographs document the construction of this Southern Dock--Dock Sud, including the laying of tracks (directly on the ground) for a Decauville railway system for use by steam driven cranes, the building of a huge stone seawall, details of the extensive wooden bridgeworks, the pouring of concrete, and the seemingly endless manual labor required to complete the project. There is also a photograph of a drawing of the dock as it would look when finally completed.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Harbors --Design and construction --Photographs.
Harbors --Argentina --Buenos Aires --Photographs.
Wharves --Argentina --Buenos Aires --Photographs.
Wharves --Design and construction --Photographs.
Cranes, derricks, etc. --Argentina --Buenos Aires --Photographs.
Steam shovels --Argentina --Buenos Aires --Photographs.
Barges --Argentina --Buenos Aires --Photographs.
Construction workers --Argentina --Buenos Aires --Photographs.
Buenos Aires, Port of (Argentina) --Photographs.

Genres and Forms of Material
Photographic prints.
Gelatin silver prints.
Panoramic photographs.
Photograph albums.

Other Index Terms Related to this Collection
Monqaut y Vásquez Millán, J.M., fl. 1901-1903, bookseller.

Related Material
Part of the Photograph Album Collection (Collection 94), in UCLA Library Special Collections.