Descriptive Summary

Title: Fortress Monroe photograph album
Date (inclusive): ca. 1910
Collection number: 94/16
Creator: Fortress Monroe.

Physical Description: 1 album (21 leaves (2 folded)) : collotypes ; 21 x 26 cm (album)
Albertypes or collotypes (photomechanical reproductions of photographic images, using a collotype coating on glass plates which allowed for the high speed mass production of images) are mounted on leaves of heavy olive green paper; printed captions along bottom edge of picture.
Brown paper covers, tied with brown silk cord; pictorial onlay on upper cover (photo reproduction of a view of the fort); title "Fortress Monroe " printed in red below.
Spec. Coll. copy: imperfect, cover torn, with only last word of title visible. In modern beige and white cloth-covered clamshell box, with velcro closure; box title "Fortress Monroe. 94/16" on spine.

Abstract: Souvenir album, probably from ca. 1910, of Fortress Monroe (now known as Fort Monroe) in Hampton, Virginia, containing 22 captioned Albertype or collotype reproductions of historic and contemporary photographs of the fort.

Language: Finding aid is written in English.

Language of the Material: Materials are in English.

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact UCLA Library Special Collections for paging information.

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Biography/History
Fort Monroe, the largest stone fort ever built in the United States, is a six-sided fortress completely surrounded by a moat, built after the War of 1812, between 1819 and 1834 when the United States realized the importance of protecting Chesapeake Bay and the inland waters against attack.

Scope and Content
Included are a long bird’s-eye view of the fort, a view from the “sally port”, featuring the YMCA building and St. Mary’s Star of the Sea chapel (rebuilt in stone in 1903); view of the moat; and view of the guard mount and parade grounds. Photos of buildings on the grounds include the Chamberlin Hotel (rebuilt in 1928 after a fire); library (built 1909); Coast Artillery School (formed in 1907, moved to California in 1946); Quarters 35 and enlisted men’s library; the small wooden Carpenter-Gothic-style post chapel; officers’ row and post office (built 1898); and the turreted Queen Anne-style Sherwood Inn, demolished in 1932. One photo shows the casemate in which Confederate President Jefferson Davis, was held prisoner for two years after the Civil War. Also included are photo reproductions of buildings in the town of Hampton, Virginia: St. John’s Episcopal Church, National Soldiers Home, and the Hampton Normal Institute. The photo captioned “Aunt Charlotte” portrays an African-American woman, Charlotte White, in her ox cart. During the late 19th century, White earned a living by selling her freshly-baked pies everyday to soldiers and tourists at Fort Monroe. Two of the pictures are albertype reproductions of photos of paintings of the period: one is a view of Government Dock, Hampton Roads; the other, the battle of the Monitor and Merrimac, Hampton Roads, 1862.

Organization and Arrangement

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

Subjects
Architecture, Domestic -- Virginia -- Fort Monroe -- Pictorial works.
Architecture, Domestic -- Virginia -- Hampton -- Pictorial works.
Fort Monroe (Va.) -- Pictorial works.
Hampton (Va.) -- Buildings, structures, etc. -- Pictorial works.

Genres and Forms of Material
Collotypes -- Virginia -- Fort Monroe -- 1910.
Photograph albums -- Virginia -- Fort Monroe -- 1910.

Other Index Terms Related to this Collection
Kimberly, J.B. (John B.), publisher.
Albertype Co.

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