Descriptive Summary

Title: Monuments de l'Egypte ancienne et moderne

Date (inclusive): 1860-1869

Note

Dates from years Hammerschmidt worked in Egypt.

Collection number: 94/35

Creator: Hammerschmidt, W., d. 1869, photographer.

Physical Description: 1 album (83 photographic prints) : albumen silver, 41 x 52 cm (album)
Photographs (23.8 x 31.4 cm) are mounted on rectos of leaves of heavy white card stock; photographer's name and stock number stamped in lower left or right corner of each photo; numbers above and identifying captions in French below in ms. ink.

Bound in brown leather covers; gold-stamped cover title "Monuments de l'Egypte ancienne et moderne;" glossy textured white endpapers.

Abstract: Album of photographs of Egypt by W. Hammerschmidt, from 1860-1869 when Hammerschmidt worked in Egypt.

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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Scope and Content

Hammerschmidt's albumen silver prints, printed using a collodion glass negative, document the great mosques, temples, tombs, and other archaeological sites of Egypt, especially in Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, Aswan, and Abu Simbel. Photos of Alexandria include views of the Place des Consuls, and Pompey's Pillar. In Cairo, there are many photos of the Citadel, and the Mosque of Muhammed Ali, as well as the area around the Citadel, including the striped facades of mosques and minarets, a strangely empty souk, and a streetscape of Coptic houses. The pyramids in Giza are highlighted by a row of palm trees, and the body and paws of the Sphinx remain unexcavated; only the great head of the Sphinx is visible in the sand. The album contains views of many of the antiquities sites, such as Dandara, the temples of Luxor viewed from the Nile, the massive columns of the temple at Karnak, the temple of Ramses III at Medina Habu, the colossal statues of Memnon near Valley of the Kings, and the temple pylons at Idfu and Philae. In Aswan, feluccas, or traditional Egyptian sailboats, line the riverbank at Aswan, and there is also a view of Elephantine Island in the Nile. The album concludes with the Great Temple of Abu Simbel near the southern border with Sudan.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha (Cairo, Egypt) --Photographs.
Temple of Ramses III (Medinet Habu Site, Egypt) --Photographs.
Ramesseum (Thebes, Egypt) --Photographs.
Great Temple (Abû Sunbul, Egypt) --Photographs.
Great Sphinx (Egypt) --Photographs.
Mosques --Egypt --Cairo --Photographs.
Minarets --Egypt --Cairo --Photographs.
Temples, Egyptian --Egypt --Photographs.
Tombs --Egypt --Photographs.
Obelisks --Egypt --Photographs.
Bazaars (Markets) --Egypt --Photographs.
Sailboats --Egypt --Photographs.
Architecture, Domestic --Egypt --Photographs.
Islamic architecture --Egypt --Cairo --Photographs.
Egypt --Photographs.
Cairo (Egypt) --Photographs.
Alexandria (Egypt) --Photographs.
Karnak (Egypt) --Photographs.
Luxor (Egypt) --Photographs.
Aswân (Egypt) --Photographs.
Nile River --Photographs.
Citadel (Cairo, Egypt) --Photographs.
Isnâ (Egypt) --Photographs.
Ifdû (Egypt) --Photographs.
Philae (Egypt) --Photographs.
Saqqârah (Egypt) --Photographs.
Dandara (Egypt) --Photographs.
Egypt --Antiquities --Photographs.

Genres and Forms of Material
Photographic prints.
Photograph albums.
Albumen prints.
Architectural photographs.

Related Material
Part of the Photograph Album Collection (Collection 94) in UCLA Library Special Collections.
Additional information available at the University of Washington University Libraries website, where 11 Hammerschmidt photos can be viewed in the International Collections Database at http://tinyurl.com/4ncyc9f.
See also Souvenirs d'Egypte, 1862 in the Boni Collection at UCLA (**TR16.8 H183s), another album of Hammerschmidt photographs of Egypt, many of them duplicates of those included here.