Stratford Works, 1897

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Stratford Works  
**Date (inclusive):** 1897  
**Collection number:** 94/83  

**Physical Description:** 1 album (16 photographic prints) : albumen, 36 x 23 cm (albums)  
Photographs are mounted on rectos of heavy white paper, within ornamental frames hand-painted in watercolors, each decorated with a different type of branch and leaf, including grasses, morning glory, ivy, pine, and bamboo.  
Bound in dark green pebble-grain leather, with gilt rolled border of leaves and flowers; inner panel, containing gold-stamped cover title "To Sir William Birt. January 1897," ruled in gilt, with ornamental gilt cornerpieces; ornamental gilt spine panels; inner gilt dentelles; marbled endpapers; all edges gilt.  

**Abstract:** Album of photographs and signatures of workers of the Stratford Works, presented to Sir William Birt, general manager of the Great Eastern Railway, on the occasion of his knighting, Jan. 1, 1897 in recognition of his leadership in making GER one of the most enterprising and progressive railway companies of England and of the world.

**Language:** Finding aid is written in English.

**Language of the Material:** Materials are in English.

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**Scope and Content**  
The album contains 16 photographs (11.4 x 14.8 cm or smaller) of Stratford Works, the locomotive-building works of the Great Eastern Railway, located in Stratford, London, England, opened in 1847-1848 by Great Eastern's predecessor, Eastern Counties Railway. Photographs include an exterior shot of the factory on the title-page, and, inside, photographs of the Erecting Shop, Boiler Shop, Machine Shop, Wheel Shop, Model Motion shop, Carriage Shop, Saw Mill, Wagon Shop, Laboratory, Running Shed, a Stratford-made Passenger Train, a Goods Train, and three types of rolling stock built at the Works: locomotive, passenger car, and freight car. Interleaved throughout the leaves of photographs are 63 leaves of signatures, presumably of workers and management staff at the factory. The last three leaves are blank.

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

**Subjects**  
Railroad cars --Design and construction --Photographs.  
Passenger trains --Photographs.
Freight cars --Photographs.

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

Other Index Terms Related to this Collection
Birt, William, Sir, 1834-1911, former owner.
Great Eastern Railway.

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