Finding Aid for Theodore Walker's A trip to the West Indies, 1908

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Theodore Walker A trip to the West Indies
Date (inclusive): 1908
Collection number: 170/684
Creator: Walker, Theodore
Extent: 91 leaves : paper, ill. ; 250 x 200 mm. bound to 257 x 207 mm.
Abstract: This bound manuscript consists of the typescript of a journal kept during a 1908 trip to the West Indies, along with sixty-nine photographs and clippings tipped in.
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Biography
Little is known about Theodore Walker. According to the manuscript, he appears to have been from Essex, England, possibly from Feering or Leicester. A deeply patriotic Englishman, he was also interested in religion, education, and colonialism.
Scope and Content
This bound manuscript includes the typescript of a journal kept during a 1908 trip to the West Indies, sixty-nine photographs (most of which were apparently taken by the author), an essay titled "A Trip to the West Indies", a letter signed by "T. Walker", and four newspaper articles attributed to Theodore Walker, three of which appear under the title "A Trip to the West Indies". Among other places, Walker visited Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad, Grenada, and Panama. The manuscript focuses on important issues in the West Indies for Edwardian Britain: race, British colonialism, the United Fruit Company and American economic interests, the Panama Canal, education, and religion. Although Walker's name does not appear in the journal itself, it seems very likely that he was its author; the events mentioned and attitudes expressed in the journal closely match those in Walker's newspaper articles. The photographs show a variety of scenes with both British and West Indian individuals; many of the photographs are in poor condition.
Indexing Terms
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Genres and Forms of Material
Manuscripts.
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Hymn written in pencil on four loose leaves and three photographs (Feering Church, Feering Vicarage, and unlabeled coastal view) laid in
ff. 2r-7r: From London to Barbados; Bridgetown, Barbados
ff. 7r-13r: Trinidad (from ship); Colon and Panama City, Panama
ff. 14r-38r: Jamaica: Kingston, Spanish Town, Newcastle, Williamsfield, Mandeville, Montpelier, Everton, Bog Walk, Port Antonio
ff. 39r-43r: At sea; "Calebra Cut" (Panama Canal)
ff. 43r-48r: Baranquilla, Columbia; Venezuela
ff. 48r-67r: Port of Spain, Trinidad; Bathsheba, Barbados; Grenada
ff. 67r-74r: Martinique; Dominica; Saint Lucia; Barbados; return to England
ff. 75r-76r: Letter, T. Walker to "my dear workpeople" February 28, 1908
ff. 78r-79r: Notes on S. S. Oroya
ff. 80r-87r: "A Trip to the West Indies"
Scope and Content Note
an unsigned travel essay by a passenger of the Trent that discusses time spent on Trinidad, Grenada, Martinique, and Barbados

ff. 88r: Notes in passing
ff. 89r: a list of names: People we met and exchanged cards
ff. 90r: newspaper clipping titled "A Trip to the West Indies" by Mr. Theodore Walker
ff. 90v: newspaper clipping titled "A Trip to the West Indies. The Jamaica Earthquake: A Visit to Kingston" by Mr. Theodore Walker
ff. 91r: newspaper clipping titled "A Trip to the West Indies. The Panama Canal: Celebrated Works Described" by Mr. Theodore Walker
ff. 91v: newspaper clipping titled "Cousin Jonathan and Jamaica. Opening for Young Men with Money" by Mr. Theodore Walker