Guide to the West Africa photograph album Bernath Mss 469


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Title: West Africa photograph album
Identifier/Call Number: Bernath Mss 469
Contributing Institution: UC Santa Barbara Library, Department of Special Collections
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.92 linear feet (1 oversize box)
Date (inclusive): 1938-1942
Physical Location: Del Norte Oversize
Creator: Henry, Clarence, Major, 1895-1973
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Acquisition Information
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Biography
Major Clarence Henry whilst on the SS Nigerian cargo steam ship kept a photograph album of trade and transport in British Crown Colonies of West Africa, (Gold Coast Colony, Colony and Protectorate of Nigeria). The album provides a unique window into the arduous work of the naval merchant service. It is a rare in depth visual chronicle. "This album may hold images of the last and fatal commission of SS Nigerian, being laden with cargo, and sunk by Germans in December 1942 on a voyage from Nigeria to Trinidad." "Both Nigeria and the Gold Coast played a leading role in the development of rubber and cocoa production from 1880 to 1913, gaining tremendous value for its exports." (excerpts from Voyager Press Rare Books & Manuscripts website 05/22/14)
Scope and Content
Gold Coast Colony, Colony and Protectorate of Nigeria, circa 1938-1942. Photograph album of trade and transport in British Crown Colonies of West Africa, kept by Major Clarence Henry, whilst on the SS Nigerian cargo steam ship, provides a unique window into the arduous work of the naval merchant service, an rare in depth visual chronicle. Oblong Qto. Album, navy leather over blue cloth, gilt titled to spine. Contains 124 original photographs, each captioned in manuscript. Photographs vary in size, the smallest measuring approximately 2.25 x 3.25 inches, and the largest 6 x 4.5 inches. With the officer's calling card pasted inside front board. From dealer's description.
Additional information in collection file.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Africa, West -- Pictorial works
Photograph albums
Photographs