Guide to the German Southwest Africa (Namibia) photograph album Bernath Mss 470


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Abstract: Photograph Album Titled: Zur Erinnerung an Meinen Aufenthalt in Deutsch-Suedwest Afrika. [In Memory of my Stay in German-South-West Africa]. [Namibia], 1906-7.
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Scope and Content
Photograph Album Titled: Zur Erinnerung an Meinen Aufenthalt in Deutsch-Suedwest Afrika. [In Memory of my Stay in German-South-West Africa]. [Namibia], 1906-7. With an ownership inscription on the inside front cover.
The images include several by the photographer Fellhauer who captioned and dated his images in negative. The images include scenes from Windhuk to Swakopmund and the territory in between (central western Namibia) and also several images of indigenous peoples (Ovambo and Herero) are included. The images were taken during the height of the Herero and Namaqua uprising, which "took place between 1904 and 1907 in German South-West Africa (modern day Namibia), during the scramble for Africa.
On January 12, 1904, the Herero people, led by Samuel Maharero, rebelled against German colonial rule. In August, German general Lothar von Trotha defeated the Herero in the Battle of Waterberg and drove them into the desert of Omaheke, where most of them died of thirst. In October, the Nama people also rebelled against the Germans only to suffer a similar fate." 25 stiff card leaves. With 104 gelatin silver photographs, the majority ca. 13x18 cm (5x7 in). From dealer's description.
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Namibia -- Pictorial works
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