Guide to the Around the Pacific photograph album Bernath Mss 489


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Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.92 linear feet (1 oversize box)
Date: circa 1936
Abstract: 371 (circa 350) black and white photos plus several loose photos, some loose ephemera, one map etc. Date (1936) stamped on cover. "Around the Pacific" stamped on cover
Physical Location: Del Norte Stacks
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Scope and Content
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This Pacific voyage appears to have begun in San Francisco, with a stop in Los Angeles before making its way across the ocean via Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, then on to Pago Pago, the Fiji Islands, Australia, Bali, Java, Thailand, China and Japan. The travelers are two older American couples, the photographer is most likely one of the women. They may have been traveling aboard the S. S. Monterey, pictured at anchor in one of the photos. Images include women in grass skirts performing a dance on Kona Beach, Hawaii (4), Pago Pago Harbor, Samoa (4), native dancers and houses, Samoa (7), Fiji village life (11), wildlife and city life in Australia (11), scenes on Thursday Island, including pearl fishing boats (5), Bali (including 20 scenes of the Djanger Dance), Balinese method of threshing rice (5), Sourabaya, and other locations in Java, including images of a three-wheel taxi, roadside entertainers, etc. (35), Singapore (4), including a picture of a car with a tiger face mounted on the front grill, with a caption "Tiger Brand Medicine made this possible," [an apparent reference to so-called anti-opium pills, which themselves contained heroin], Bangkok, Siam (including Wat Arun, Wat Po, Wat Phra Keo, Angkor Wat) (70), China (a total of 87 images), including Macao, 6 scenes from a Chinese funeral, Canton, Peiping (Beijing), 4 images of a Chinese wedding procession, 11 photos of the Great Wall of China, and the final stop, Japan: Kobe, Nara, Kyoto, Nikko (57 images), including markets, shrines, cherry blossoms, and the Heian Garden. Most of the Japanese people appear in traditional dress, though there is a scattering of western fashion; one photo shows a pair of Japanese soldiers.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Monterey (Ocean liner).
Australia--Pictorial works
Bali (Indonesia : Province)--Pictorial works
China--Pictorial works
Fiji--Pictorial works
Hawaii--Pictorial works
Japan--Pictorial works
Java (Indonesia)--Pictorial works
Photograph albums
Photographs
Samoa--Pictorial works
Thailand--Pictorial works