Guide to the W. A. Kittson Central Australia Collection, 1927

Collection number: Bernath Mss 156

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Descriptive Summary
Title: W. A. Kittson Central Australia Collection
Date: 1927
Collection number: Bernath Mss 156
Creator: Kittson, W. A.
Collection Size: 0.4 linear feet (1 document box).
Repository: University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Dept. of Special Collections
Santa Barbara, CA 93106
Abstract: Two photo albums and other material relating to a "Reso" railroad and motor car tour organized to give Australian business men knowledge of the area's resources.
Physical location: Del Norte.
Languages: English
Access Restrictions
None.

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Acquisition Information
Purchase, 2005.

Scope and Content of Collection
Two photo albums and other material relating to a "Reso" railroad and motor car tour organized to give Australian businessmen knowledge of the area's resources. Kittson, listed as a mechanic from Melbourne, was one of the drivers. Itinerary included Oodnadatta, Hamilton Bore, Charlotte Waters, Horseshoe Bend, Finke River, Maryvale Station, Hugh River, Alice Springs, Macdonnell Ranges, and Barrow Creek. Includes numerous images of aboriginal population; also local terrain, settlements, camels, and Reso party encampments and members ("Resonians").

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Aboriginal Australians--Pictorial works
Australia - Pictorial works
Box 1: 1  Documents - Reso tour supplementary bulletin, with detailed itinerary information; passenger lists for motor cars; rail schedule for trip; description of journey by H. H. Olney, reprinted from the Ivanhoe "News"; handwritten letter by Kittson to his family; two menus from rail dining car.

Box 1: 2  Souvenir album - Album containing 44 black and white photographs, captioned in typed English, featuring group shots of "Resonians" (tour participants), scenic views, Aboriginal peoples, cattle, etc.

Box 1: 3  Snapshot album - Album containing 64 small black and white amateur photographs, featuring trains, camels, and automobiles; scenic snapshots, and Aboriginal peoples.

Box 1: 4  Ephemera - Identification button for Kittson, labeled "W. A. Kittson, Motor Driver" with Reso Tour logo and tagline "See Australia First."