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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Assortment of 130 photographs from the archives of a founding executive of the American General Rubber Company (GRC) taken mainly in Sumatra and also in the Straits Settlements, at the pinnacle of enterprise and fortune.
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Scope and Content Notes
Assortment of 130 photographs from the archives of a founding executive of the American General Rubber Company (GRC) taken mainly in Sumatra and also in the Straits Settlements, at the pinnacle of enterprise and fortune. Some photos have handwritten captions and dates on back; most taken in north and north-central Sumatra, from October 1916 to January 1917. Photographs vary in sizes, the largest measuring approximately 14 cm x 8 cm, and a few miniatures measuring 7 cm x 5 cm. Several are present in multiple copies. The collection is accompanied by a printed envelope of the General Rubber Company, Singapore office in the Straits Settlements, and a newspaper clipping of the Straits Times in Singapore, 1916, pertaining to the disbursement of the estate of American financier John Pierpont Morgan [derived from dealer description].
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
American General Rubber Company.
Sumatra (Indonesia)--Pictorial works.
| Box 1: 1  | Batak People - Market near Berastagi |
| Box 1: 2  | Belawan Harbor                     |
| Box 1: 3  | GRC Men Going to Berastagi (inland)|
| Box 1: 4  | Grave Site, George Washington Allen - Judge from St. Louis, 1853-1917 |
| Box 1: 5  | Jahore: Sultan's Palace            |
| Box 1: 6  | Journey to Berastagi               |
| Box 1: 7  | Kaban Djahe: Rice Shed - Near Toba|
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| Box 1: 13 | GRC, Kisaran, Northern Sumatra     |
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