



Guide to the George Warren and Kate Rumsey Hinman missionary photograph albums, 1892-1900

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Summary

Collection Title:

George Warren and Kate Rumsey Hinman missionary photograph albums, 1892-1900

Creator:

Hinman, George Warren, 1869-1940

Abstract:

Two late 19th-century photo albums with small and large images primarily documenting George Warren and Kate Rumsey Hinman's travels and missionary work in central China. Most of the photographs were taken in Fuzhou (Foochow) and Shaowu, Fujian Province, where the Hinmans were assigned. The images are accompanied by detailed captions, and feature missionaries, mission and church buildings, Chinese preachers, local officials, children, river scenes, landscapes, and landmarks. There are also a few images of the Burrell School in Selma, Alabama, and two ministers in Michigan. The photographs are typically mounted one to a page, and are chiefly a mix of gelatin and collodion prints, with a few albumen prints included.

Extent:

1.0 Linear Feet (2 boxes)
2 photograph albums

Language:

English

Language:

Materials in English

Collection ID:

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Background

Scope and Content

Two late 19th-century photograph albums primarily documenting George Warren and Kate Rumsey Hinman's travels and missionary work in central China. Most of the photographs were taken in Fuzhou (Foochow) and Shaowu, Fujian Province, where the Hinmans were assigned.

The earliest images, in Album 1, are of the Rev. George Stillwell of Garden, Michigan and the Rev. E. G. Palmer and family of Oxford, Michigan. A series of images of buildings, staff and students of the Burrell School in Selma, Alabama are also found in Album 1, as well as a few larger images from China. The black-and-white photographs in this album appear to be a mix of albumen and collodion or gelatin prints.

Album 2 contains 57 black-and-white photographs taken in China, Fujian Province, chiefly in Fuzhou (Foochow) and Shaowu, where the Hinmans were assigned. There are portraits of local officials, river scenes, and other landscapes. Other locations seem to be mostly in Fujian Province, and include the Ing Hok River, Ing Tai; Yeng Bing (?), a location near Fuzhou; Guling (Kuliang), a mountain location near Fuzhou, where the Hinmans stayed in a cottage; and landmarks such as monasteries, city gates, and the Bridge of 10,000 Ages in Fuzhou (also found in the Sidney Gamble photographs collection at Duke). The photographs in this album appear to be primarily collodion and gelatin prints.

Biographical/Historical

George Warren Hinman was born in Baraboo, Sauk County, Wisconsin, Feb. 22, 1869, of missionary parents. He graduated from Oberlin in 1893 and from Harvard seminary in 1898. He married Kate Rumsey Bailey in 1893 in Moreland, New York, her home region. Appointed by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in 1898, the Hinmans left for China on December 24, 1898. According to a postcard sent by George Hinman to the Central Church in Fall River, Massachusetts, who sponsored their missionary work, they arrived in Yokohama, Japan, January 16, 1899. They continued their missionary work in China into the 1900s. Later they moved to California.

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Names and Subjects

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- Fuzhou Shi (Fujian Sheng, China) -- History
- Fuzhou Shi (Fujian Sheng, China) -- Pictorial works
- Albumen prints
- Black-and-white photographs
- Collodion prints
- Gelatin silver prints
- Photograph albums
- Missions -- China
- Hinman, Kate Rumsey
- American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions

Collection Inventory

Photograph album 1	Box 1
Photograph album 2	Box 2