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From A.0068 – Photo 1033, Walvis Bay in 1876

Introduction

Description

This accession consists of a large-format photo album with ___ pages, size 60 x 48 x 9 cm. The photos, showing portraits, group portraits, landscapes and buildings from southern and central Namibia, were taken in 1876. Most photos are of excellent quality and in good preservation condition.

Many of the iconic images from this album have been repeatedly used in publications on 19th century Namibian history.

Provenance

The photographs were taken by F. Hodgson who accompanied the Cape Government's Special Commissioner William Coates Palgrave on his mission to Namibia in 1876. Altogether three albums, with slightly differing contents, are known to exist (the other two are owned by the Parliament Library in Cape Town, and the National Library of South Africa (Cape Town). They were presented together with Palgrave's report to Parliament). This album had been in the possession of Mr. J.J. Christie, who was Palgrave's Secretary. It was bought from his son, H. Christie, Kimberley, in 1953 by the Historical Monuments Commission, and deposited at the National Archives. Between 1924-1949, it had temporarily been in the custody of Kimberley Public Library.

Restrictions

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