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## Summary information

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**Repository:** University of Victoria Special Collections and University Archives

**Title:** Herbert Geddes collection

**ID:** SC045

**Date:** 1907-1959 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** 100 photographs

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Herbert Geddes was a manager for G.R. Gregg and Company, importers and exporters, in Vancouver and Winnipeg. He was sent to Japan and was based in Yokohama between 1908 and 1918. Geddes was manager for Gregg and Company in Vancouver until the mid 1950s.

### Custodial history

Herbert Geddes willed the glass slides to his nephew D. Boyce Geddes.

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## Scope and content

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The collection consists of photographic glass-plate transparencies depicting life in Japan, including scenery, street scenes, workers, farming, fishing, silk production, stone carvers, wood carvers, metal workers, potters, and artists. These "Yokohama photographs" were sold to foreign tourists between about 1868 and 1912, before cameras and postcards were generally available. They have been described in: Meiji no Nihon: Yokomana shashin no sekai: Saishoku arubamu. Yokohama-shi Yurindo, 1990. (Meiji Japan in tinted album: the world of Yokohama photographs -- includes bibliographical references). The collection also consists of photograph and postcard albums collected by Herbert and Annie Geddes between 1907 and 1959.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Alternative form available

See also photographs from Geddes collection available through UVic Libraries Digital Collections:  
<http://contentdm.library.uvic.ca/cdm/landingpage/collection/collection29>

### Finding aids

Item list available.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** herbert-geddes-collection-2

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## Access points

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- Geddes, Herbert, 1877-1970--Travel (subject)
- Japan--History--Meiji period, 1868-1912--Pictorial works (subject)
- Japan--History--Meiji period, 1868-1912--Social life and customs--Pictorial works (subject)
- Photography (subject)
- Transparencies (subject)

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## Series descriptions

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### **Series SC045-1987-P-01: Japanese Slides Collection**

Date: 1910 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The accrual consists of photographic glass-plate transparencies depicting life in Japan, including scenery, street scenes, workers, farming, fishing, silk production, stone carvers, wood carvers, metal workers, potters, and artists. These "Yokohama photographs" were sold to foreign tourists between about 1868 and 1912, before cameras and postcards were generally available. They have been described in: Meiji no Nihon: Yokomana shashin no sekai : Saishoku arubamu. Yokohama-shi Yurindo, 1990. (Meiji Japan in tinted album: the world of Yokohama photographs -- includes bibliographical references).

<u>Physical description:</u> 1 doc.				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
Published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
SC045-1987-P-01-1	Item - Map of Imperial Government Railways			
SC045-1987-P-01-3	Item - Man in local attire with loaded packhorses.			
SC045-1987-P-01-4	Item - Mother and children outside rural hut with waterwheel.			
SC045-1987-P-01-5	Item - River in mountains; raised bank with houses on one side; Japanese children on side of river.			
SC045-1987-P-01-6	Item - Buildings built up on stone walled riverbank with trees in background.			
SC045-1987-P-01-7	Item - Village on a bay; fields and hillside in foreground.			
SC045-1987-P-01-8	Item - Japanese people in local attire hiking through mountains.			
SC045-1987-P-01-9	Item - Large building (temple?) in wooded setting.			
SC045-1987-P-01-10	Item - Houses in the woods, river in foreground.			
SC045-1987-P-01-11	Item - River with manmade embankment and road on one side; line of buildings along embankment; forest on other side of river, town and mountains in background.			
SC045-1987-P-01-12	Item - Japanese cherry trees in blossom on grassy bank beside waterways; people strolling under trees; docks and boats with people.			
SC045-1987-P-01-13	Item - Two boats with cloth canopies being rowed along river; wooded mountain on one side; rushing water in foreground.			
SC045-1987-P-01-14	Item - Houses along bank of boulder-strewn river; wooden bridge across river; stone embankment below houses; laundry hanging at edge of embankment.			
SC045-1987-P-01-15	Item - Man with rickshaw on tall tree lined dirt road.			
SC045-1987-P-01-16	Item - Two women in traditional dress posing outside house in tiny ornamental garden.			
SC045-1987-P-01-17	Item - Three deer standing on road in (cemetery) garden; large flowering cherry trees, evergreens and stone monuments.			

SC045-1987-P-01-18	Item - Group of deer feeding on lawn in wooded garden; stone monuments and summer house in mid-ground.
SC045-1987-P-01-19	Item - Iris garden beside water; wooden bridge to small roofed island; two women in Kimonos on bridge and one standing among flowers.
SC045-1987-P-01-20	Item - People in traditional attire in park.
SC045-1987-P-01-21	Item - Harbour of city; jetty with steamboats in foreground; other boats and buildings in background.
SC045-1987-P-01-21a	Item - Family in traditional attire having portrait taken in garden against fence.
SC045-1987-P-01-22	Item - Curved red wooden bridge over river; forest in background.
SC045-1987-P-01-23	Item - Curved stone bridge in rural area.
SC045-1987-P-01-24	Item - Two men landing boat on beach.
SC045-1987-P-01-25	Item - People in boats on waterways through rice fields; snow-covered mountain in background.
SC045-1987-P-01-26	Item - Snow-covered mountain (Mt. Fuji?) wreathed with clouds; low ground leading down to water in foreground.
SC045-1987-P-01-27	Item - High stone embankments above river; line of trees on top of each embankments; tall building with temple roofs on one side; another building hidden behind trees on other side.
SC045-1987-P-01-28	Item - Old woman with raised grinding stone; two little girls carrying babies on their backs looking on.
SC045-1987-P-01-29	Item - Long red wooden covered bridge with ornamental roof; woods on either side of bridge, woods and mountain behind; water and landscaped point of land with flowers in foreground.
SC045-1987-P-01-30	Item - Road, sidewalk, pavement; stone walls and bridge, lamp standards; buildings and trees in background.
SC045-1987-P-01-31	Item - Lake side resort.
SC045-1987-P-01-32	Item - Temple and houses on hill over valley filled with trees.
SC045-1987-P-01-33	Item - Group of buildings set among trees; ornamental stone wall in front.
SC045-1987-P-01-34	Item - Close-up of ornamental building embellished with gold.
SC045-1987-P-01-35	Item - Japanese people (including some men in western dress) strolling through paved grounds among large stone lanterns; temples and pagoda.
SC045-1987-P-01-36	Item - People in traditional attire and men in uniforms standing outside building with gilt trim.

SC045-1987-P-01-37	Item - Series of red wooden gateways; stone animals on pedestals between first and second gateway.
SC045-1987-P-01-38	Item - Unidentified building with some yellow roofs with pond and trees (including flowering plum trees)
SC045-1987-P-01-39	Item - Two people in costume posing in front of painted backdrop - one in grass coat and hat, carrying farm implement over shoulder and holding vegetables; the other, a woman in a blue dress with a red (over mantel), legs bare to the knees, wearing a white kerchief on her head and carrying a kettle in her hand.
SC045-1987-P-01-40	Item - Rural women in local attire carrying large baskets on their backs.
SC045-1987-P-01-41	Item - Eight young women in Kimonos, four in wooden boat on water, four on bank beside boat, two of them holding open parasols.
SC045-1987-P-01-42	Item - Two young women in Kimonos, one standing, one seated on wooden bench outside open greenhouses filled with blooming flowers.
SC045-1987-P-01-43	Item - Four women smiling and leaning through openings in lattice work.
SC045-1987-P-01-44	Item - People in special attire, with lanterns, posing for photograph.
SC045-1987-P-01-45	Item - Two (priests?) outside shrine.
SC045-1987-P-01-46	Item - Three women with fans, musical instrument and a table set with food.
SC045-1987-P-01-47	Item - Three women with tea implements.
SC045-1987-P-01-48	Item - Tea implements in centre of richly furnished room.
SC045-1987-P-01-49	Item - Woman in traditional dress holding open parasol and carrying baby on her back.
SC045-1987-P-01-50	Item - Men preparing for sumo wrestling outdoors.
SC045-1987-P-01-51	Item - Interior shot of two geishas asleep in bedding on floor mats; musical instrument, fan and implements for tea ceremony nearby.
SC045-1987-P-01-52	Item - Man working over large wooden tub; rows of plants in pots all around; fish streamers flying overhead.
SC045-1987-P-01-53	Item - [Dashi] parade.
SC045-1987-P-01-54	Item - People on street in traditional dress outside building decorated with large banners, lanterns and signs.
SC045-1987-P-01-55	Item - Large stone Buddha.
SC045-1987-P-01-56	Item - Crowd-filled street lined with banners and lanterns.
SC045-1987-P-01-57	Item - Man painting shells.

SC045-1987-P-01-58	Item - Man carving ivory statue of mother and child.
SC045-1987-P-01-59	Item - Man beginning to carve lantern from block of stone.
SC045-1987-P-01-60	Item - Tinsmith at work.
SC045-1987-P-01-61	Item - Blacksmith at work.
SC045-1987-P-01-62	Item - Painting vases. [slide cracked]
SC045-1987-P-01-63	Item - Potter at work on lion figure.
SC045-1987-P-01-64	Item - Potter making vase on wheel.
SC045-1987-P-01-65	Item - Man painting parasols; painted lanterns in background.
SC045-1987-P-01-66	Item - Men making clay moulds for giant masks.
SC045-1987-P-01-67	Item - Man using handsaw on tree trunk.
SC045-1987-P-01-68	Item - Men trimming edge of a plank.
SC045-1987-P-01-69	Item - Men carving wooden furniture of intricate design.
SC045-1987-P-01-70	Item - Making wooden barrels.
SC045-1987-P-01-71	Item - Two boys using drill press.
SC045-1987-P-01-72	Item - Group of women and one man watching young woman working on large embroidery.
SC045-1987-P-01-73	Item - Old woman in shed heating substance in black pot.
SC045-1987-P-01-74	Item - Open air ceramic shop.
SC045-1987-P-01-75	Item - Two boats on river, a passenger boat being poled and a fishing boat filled with lidded open work baskets.
SC045-1987-P-01-76	Item - People wading in sea; fisher with hand net; boats in background.
SC045-1987-P-01-77	Item - Papering Eggs for Next Year
SC045-1987-P-01-78	Item - Hatching of Silk-Worm Eggs
SC045-1987-P-01-79	Item - Gathering Mulberry Leaves
SC045-1987-P-01-80	Item - Feeding Silk-Worms
SC045-1987-P-01-81	Item - Gathering Cocoons
SC045-1987-P-01-82	Item - Sorting and Weighing Cocoons
SC045-1987-P-01-83	Item - Taking Silk From Cocoons
SC045-1987-P-01-84	Item - Reeling Silk in Large Skeins
SC045-1987-P-01-85	Item - Reeling Silk in Small Skeins
SC045-1987-P-01-86	Item - Examining Silk-thread
SC045-1987-P-01-87	Item - Sorting Silk
SC045-1987-P-01-88	Item - Weaving (silk) on hand loom.
SC045-1987-P-01-89	Item - Hand-weaving in factory.
SC045-1987-P-01-90	Item - Large Silk Factory
SC045-1987-P-01-91	Item - Factories, external view.
SC045-1987-P-01-92	Item - Machine-weaving in factory.
SC045-1987-P-01-93	Item - Women working on hillside; rice fields and village below.
SC045-1987-P-01-94	Item - Women preparing rice field in mud.
SC045-1987-P-01-95	Item - Women planting rice.
SC045-1987-P-01-96	Item - Women harvesting rice.

SC045-1987-P-01-97	Item - Woman separating rice from chaff with steel comb.
SC045-1987-P-01-98	Item - Women at work with children watching.
SC045-1987-P-01-99	Item - Two women winnowing rice and man pounding rice flour.
SC045-1987-P-01-100	Item - Rice being poured into a wooden mechanical hopper.

### Series SC045-2018-021: Photograph Albums

Date: 1907-1959 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The accrual consists of photograph albums and postcards collected by Herbert Geddes.

Physical description: 1 box.

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
SC045-2018-021-1.1	File - "Sunny Memories" Photograph Album			
SC045-2018-021-1.2	File - Postcard Album			
SC045-2018-021-1.3	File - Postcard Album			
SC045-2018-021-1.4	File - "Sweet Memories" Photograph Album	1907		
SC045-2018-021-1.5	File - Loose Photographs and Postcards			
SC045-2018-021-1.6	File - Postcards	1912-1959		