Descriptive Summary

Title: Holman Taylor Spanish American War photograph album, 1898
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1206
Extent: 1 bound volume (BV)
Abstract: This collection consists of one photograph album containing photographs taken by Holman Taylor throughout Mexico and the southern United States. The photos were taken in 1898, during the Spanish American War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
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Source
Purchase from Ian Brabner Bookseller, 2011.

Custodial History
Purchased from a rare book and manuscript dealer; provenance unknown.

Citation
[after identification of item(s)], Holman Taylor Spanish American War photograph album, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Appraisal Note
Randall Burkett, Curator of African American Collections, acquired this collection as part of the Rose Library's holdings in African American history.
Collection Description

Biographical Note
Holman Taylor, physician, was born in Hallsville, Texas on April 8, 1874, to James Howard and Mary Ann Taylor. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Bethel College in Russellville, Kentucky in 1896, and his Medical Doctor degree from the University of Texas Medical Department in Galveston in 1899. After receiving his degree, Taylor went into private practice with his father in Marshall, Texas, and also served as the Harrison County health officer. In 1910 he married Fannie Eleanor Lake of Marshall, Texas. The same year he moved to Fort Worth, Texas and became executive secretary of the Texas Medical Association and editor of the Texas State Journal of Medicine, positions he held until his death. He continued his private practice in Fort Worth until 1917. As a doctor, he also served as assistant state health officer and director of the Texas, Tarrant County, and Fort Worth tuberculosis associations.

Throughout his life, Taylor also was active in the military. In 1891, he enlisted in 5th Texas Infantry, and was promoted to 1st lieutenant two years later. During the Spanish American War, he served as a medical steward in the 3rd Texas Infantry. In 1917, he served along the Mexican border and with the American Expeditionary Force in France. He was also a founder and first president of the Tarrant County, Texas Red Cross. Following the First World War, he was promoted to colonel in the 144th Infantry, and in 1936, he became a brigadier general in the 61st Field Artillery. In 1938, he retired as a brevet major general. During World War II, he served as chairman of procurement and assignment of physicians for the Texas area of the United States Army.

Taylor died of a heart attack on December 4, 1947.

Scope and Content Note
This collection consists of one photograph album containing photographs taken by Holman Taylor throughout Mexico and the southern United States. The photos were taken in 1898, during the Spanish American War. The album documents Fort Morgan, Alabama; Camp Rigoletts, Louisiana; Camp Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi; Brackettville, Texas; Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas; Camp Eagle Pass, Texas; Fort Clark, Texas; and Galveston, Texas. Photographs depict life in the camps, including hospital tents, officers, soldiers, patients, artillery, living quarters, ships and Naval operations, as well as surrounding towns and citizens. Four photos in particular show the "Negro--Indian--Seminole" church and the "Negro--Indian--Seminole" house at Fort Clark, Texas.
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