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## Shanghai Steam Navigation Co. Photograph Album, ca. 1860s-1875

### Collection number: Bernath Mss 47

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#### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Shanghai Steam Navigation Co. Photograph Album,

**Date (inclusive):** ca. 1860s-1875

**Collection Number:** Bernath Mss 47

**Creator:** Shanghai Steam Navigation Co.

**Extent:** .3 linear feet (1 oversize box)

**Repository:** University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Department of Special Collections  
Santa Barbara, California 93106-9010

**Physical Location:** Del Sur Oversize

**Language:** English

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**Acquisition Information**

Purchase, 2003.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

Leatherbound photograph album with 125 cartes-de-visite (cdv) and 6 cabinet size cards, including a signed and dated cdv of Rutherford B. Hayes. Mainly images of employees, their wives and children, and people associated with the Shanghai Steam Navigation Co., formed by Russell & Company in 1862, which became the leader in the American China trade and major importer of opium into China. By 1874 Shanghai Steam Navigation Co. had 17 steamships, the largest fleet in Shanghai. In 1877 the company was sold to China Merchant's Steam Navigation Company and the American share of Chinese shipping dropped dramatically.

Box                    **Leatherbound photograph album, 1860s-1875**