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Summary information

Repository: University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections

Title: Desmond Power 'Boxer Uprising' Collection

ID: RBSC-ARC-1748

Date: 1900-1901 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 medal -- 1 sheet -- 1 album (37 photographs : b&w)

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

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Desmond Power was born in Tientsin (##), China to his parents Stephen and Grace Power. Desmond would spend his early years in China until his eventual internment by the Japanese occupying force during the Second World War. After his release, Desmond settled in Vancouver, Canada and has since spent his time researching and writing about his experiences living in both Imperial and Republican China.

Scope and content

The collection consists of a medal for bravery, likely awarded to a family member for meritorious service during the Boxer Uprising (#####), which was a series of incidents in China with anti-imperialist and xenophobic roots that lasted from 1899 until 1901; and a fragment of a corresponding letter of recommendation. The medal was specifically awarded to the recipient for their conduct during the Siege of Tientsin, which was a major battle during the Boxer Uprising, and the letter of recommendation mentions a Mr. D'Arc, which is likely Desmond's maternal grandfather who was a volunteer rifleman at Tientsin. Lastly, the collection contains an album consisting of photographs of Tientsin during and immediately after the Boxer Uprising. The album primarily includes photographs of troop movements and military equipment, but also includes a few personal family photographs.

Notes

Title notes

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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Access points

- Multiple media (documentary form)
 - China (place)
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Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1748-1-1	Item - The Siege of Peking and Defence of the LegationsJ. Taylor Foot	1900		
RBSC-ARC-1748-1-2	Item - [Recommendation for a commendation]	[ca. 1900]		
RBSC-ARC-1748-1-3	Item - [Photo album]	1900-1901		