



Portraits in the Alice Roosevelt Longworth Collection and the Imperial Household Archives' documents ~Benefit of the new public records management law in Japan~

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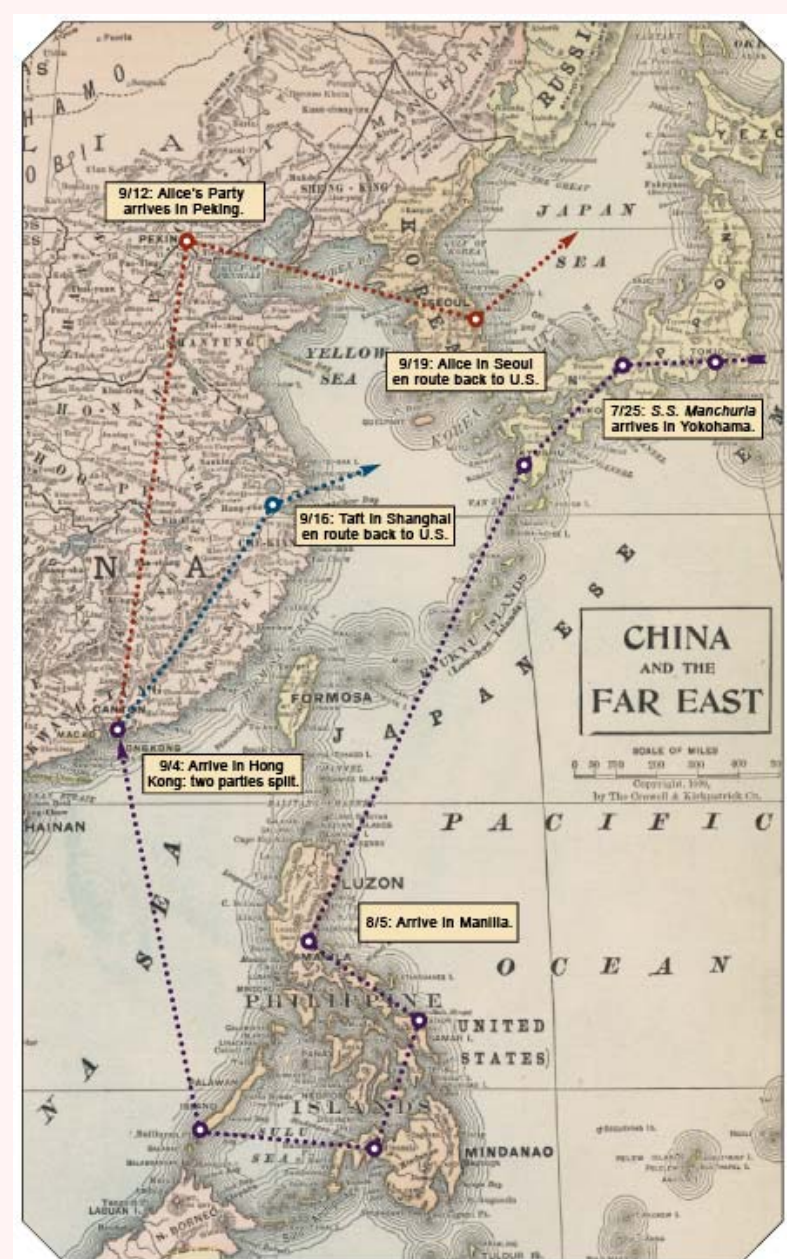


Introduction

The Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives of Smithsonian Institution holds the Alice Roosevelt Longworth Collection of Photographs from the 1905 Taft Mission to Asia, in which I had a chance to see Asian Imperials' portraits on the occasion of the repository tour of the SAA 2010. This presentation focuses on the portraits of Meiji Emperor and Empress and some photographs in the collection, and shows the facts from the archival materials in the Imperial Household Archives in Japan. (# shows the call Number.)

Former collection of Alice Roosevelt Longworth (1884-1980). Gift of Joanna Sturm, granddaughter of Alice Roosevelt Longworth, 2009 Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives Local No. A2009.02

Repository Tour **Freer and Sackler Archives** in 2010 DC
Portraits of Asian Dignities were displayed for the SAA visitors. Those are in [The Alice Roosevelt Longworth Collection of Photographs from the 1905 Taft Mission to Asia, 1905](#)



the Chrysanthemum heraldic emblem



Looking East

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Alice's Visit to Japan

In July(82member- mission)
Alice's high popularity:
Teddy's daughter
Fashion leader
"Princess Alice"
free-spirited tomboy
On the way to Kyoto, at each station, the mission was warmly welcomed.
Taft-Katsura Agreement was dated on July 29.

In October (7 people)
Treaty of Portsmouth
ended the Russo-Japanese War.
Roosevelt was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1906.
Hibiya Incendiary Incident on Sep 5, 1905.
Alice traveled incognito and stay with Longworth in Kamakura or Yokohama.
She also visited Nikko.

Facts recorded in the public documents

1. Precise Schedules
2. Gift list for the ladies and extra expenses
3. Who attended the mission (Nagasaki)
4. Order of the photo-frames
5. the Crown Princess's photo was just taken, and Alice was the first receiver of her photo.
6. Music played in the banquet at the Imperial Palace
7. How the Crown Princess dressed for the reception
8. Letter of Taft
9. Order of precedence
10. Members

From 『日本画報』 a photo magazine dated Aug 24, 1905



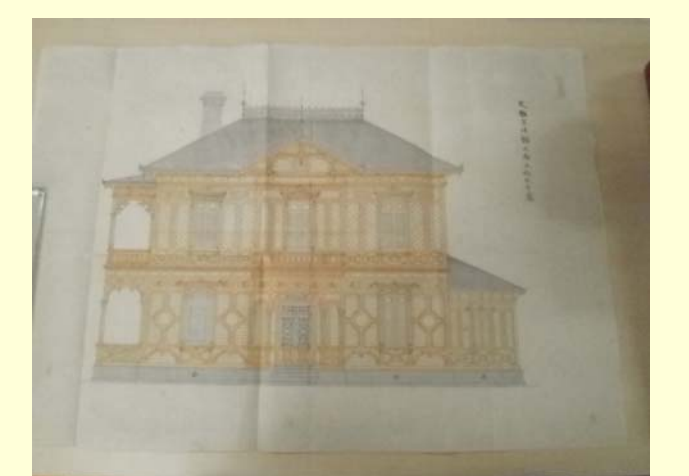
The Crown Princess acted for the Empress at the reception.



Both Americans and Japanese are identified



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Plan of Shiba Rikyu where Tuft stayed as a state guest

On April 1st 2011, the management of public records and archives law was enforced in Japan.

- Reference service launched.
- On-line catalog is now available.
- Rights of usage of public records are established.
- Within 30 days response to the request
- Instant view of the materials already "Access examined"
- Circulation even in Lunch time
- Free use of digital camera
- Free Publication

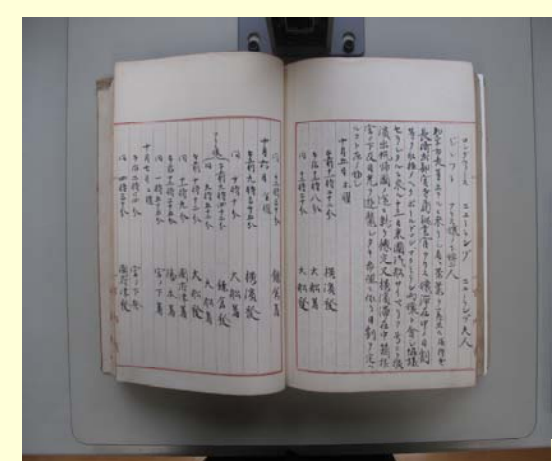
Episodes on Portraits

- Emperor's portrait was handed to the Ambassador in exchange for the President's photo.
- Oct 11 : the Empress and the Crown Princess gave Alice their portraits. Attendant Nagasaki brought both photos with him to Yokohama. The Crown princess, who is the same age with Alice, was taken this photo at the first time.
- The frames of photos were ordered specially, which are made of maple wood. Emperor's photo was already had his signature, then, it was cut to justify the size.

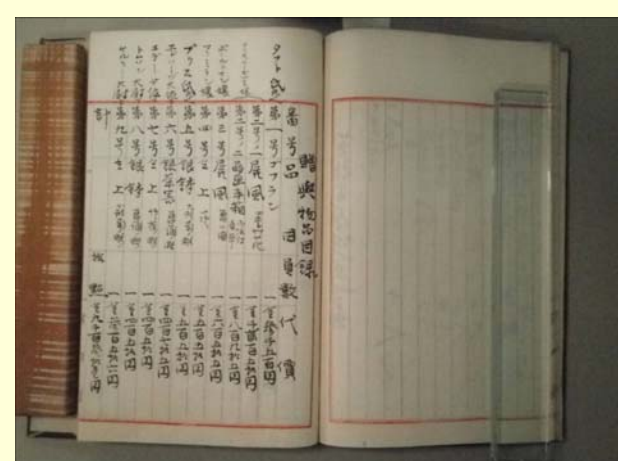
Emperor's Wedding Gifts for Alice #7388



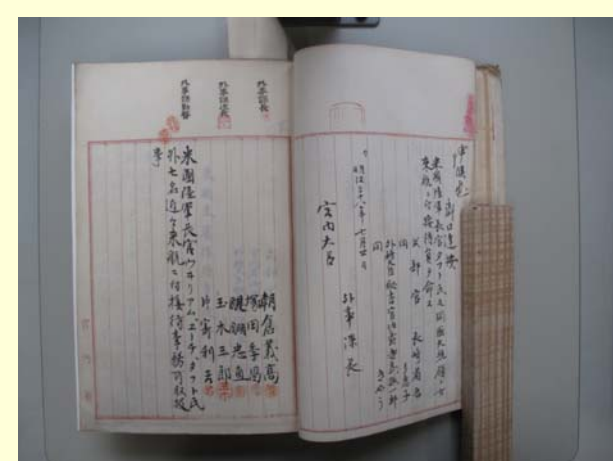
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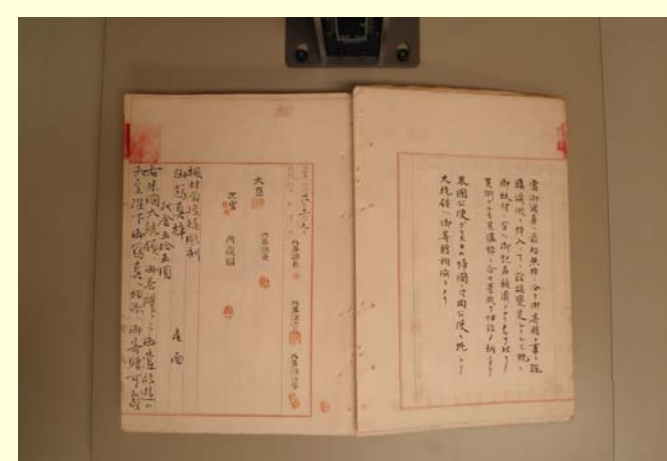
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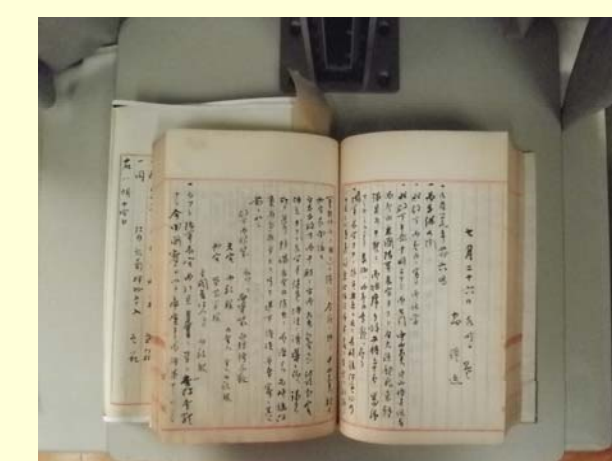
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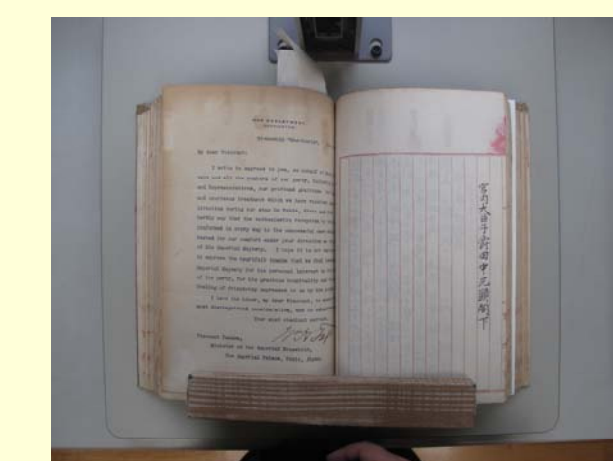
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