

Reference code: GB165-0230

Title: Samuel Plant Collection

Name of creator: Plant, Samuel Cornell (c.1860-1921) Captain

Dates of creation of material: 1891

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 133 sheets

Biographical history: Plant, Captain Samuel Cornell (c.1860-1921)

Born c.1860, son of a sailor. Went to sea and was trained in sail and steam navigation. Worked for the Euphrates & Tigris Steam Navigation Co. Commanded "Shushan", 1884-91 on the Upper Karun River, Persia; returned to England, 1891; served China, 1902-21, becoming pioneer navigator and first pilot of the upper Yangtze until his death. Died, 1921, while on a passage to England.

Scope and content: TS copy of Plant's account of his experiences on the Upper Karun River, Persia, as captain of the "Shushan", a river-steamer of the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company, 1891-1898, with descriptions of the country and his dealings with local people, with an account of a trip to the tomb of the prophet Daniel and the palace of Shushan.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

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Custodial history: In the possession of the Plant family. Plant's brother's great nephew M.G. Gillam had the typescript made from the original MS and gave a copy to Mr. L.H. Baxter who passed it on to Sir Denis Wright.

Immediate source of acquisition: Received from Sir Denis Wright, Oct 1990.

Location of originals: Plant MS/69/123 (one box) at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London. Further papers with Mr M.G. Gillam.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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