

About the Collections

• Photographs & artworks

Over half a million photographic prints, artworks, negatives, lantern slides and albums dating from 1830, including a number of special collections.

PLACES

Arabia and the Middle East

Captain W.H.I. Shakespear (1878-1915)

Early photographs of Ibn Saud, the first King of Saudi Arabia.

Harry St John Philby (1885-1960); 1932 crossing of the Empty Quarter; Arabian travels.

Gertrude Bell (1868–1926); early 20th century travels in Arabia.

Central Asia and Tibet

John Claude White (b. 1853)

Images of Francis Younghusband's Mission to Tibet (1904).

Frank Kingdon-Ward (1885-1958)

Portraits and plant photography.

Douglas Carruthers (1882-1962)

Expedition to Central Asia (1911-13).

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Early expeditions: 1921, 1922, 1924, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1950, 1951 and 1952.

1953 ascent. Original colour slides. Led by John Hunt, this expedition saw the first successful ascent of Mount Everest.

Antarctica

British Antarctic Expedition 1910-1913

Leader - Robert Scott.

Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1914-1917

Leader - Ernest Shackleton.

Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1955-1958

Leader - Sir Vivian Fuchs.

Arctic

Norwegian Northwest Passage Expedition (1903-1906)

Leader – Roald Amundsen

British Arctic Air Route Expedition (1930-1931)

Leader – Gino Watkins.

RGS expeditions

Sponsored research expeditions from the 1970s to the early 1990s.

PEOPLE

Thomas Baines (1820-1875)

42 oil paintings and numerous sketches and watercolours of Africa and Australia by the official artist to Gregory's North Australian Expedition (1856) and Livingstone's Zambezi Expedition (1858).

Samuel White Baker (1821-1893)

Watercolour sketches of his expeditions through Africa. In 1864 he reached a large lake which he named Lake N'yanza; now Lake Albert it was only later established as a secondary source of the River Nile.

Harry Johnston (1858-1927)

Portraits and social documentation of Africa (1890-1900) and the Caribbean (1908-1909).

Sir Ranulph Fiennes

Trans-Globe Expedition (1979-1982)

First surface journey round the world's polar axis.

Antarctic Unsupported (1992-1993); with Dr. Mike Stroud.

Portraits

Leading figures in exploration such as David Livingstone, Henry Stanley, Robert Falcon Scott, Ernest Shackleton and many others.

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