

# A.E. Collins Photo Archive

## China 1904 - 1924

A half bound leather volume of photographs 280cm x 355cm, with gold tooling decoration on spine and red leather label on spine gold tooled with: A.F. COLLINS PHOTO ARCHIVES CHINA 1904-1927. marbled end-papers.

71 pages of photographs of various sizes, some nearly full page, chiefly black and white and some sepia. Most are captioned in ink.

Landscapes, buildings, agricultural workers, social gatherings eg. fancy dress party, a group of mandarins at the Foochow Races, wedding parties, family gatherings, and individuals. 428 photographs.

Collins was a tea merchant. He worked as Manager for various tea-trading firms. He did not own his own tea-trading firm.

We know the following:

1905- Collins listed in Hankow Directory, clerk for Theodor & Rawlins and specialist tea exporter.

1911- Collins listed in Foochow Directory as manager for Westphal, King and Ramsay. This firm exported tea and a general line of products. They did not survive into the 1920's.

1924- Collins listed in Hankow and in Shanghai as Manager for Theodor & Rawlins. His residence was at no. 56, Avenue Road, Shanghai. This firm continued to be a tea exporter primarily, and had an office in Foochow.

1927- Album inscription indicates that Collins was now residing at 1 Kelmescott Gardens, Shanghai.

The price is EUR2,950