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## **Abstract**

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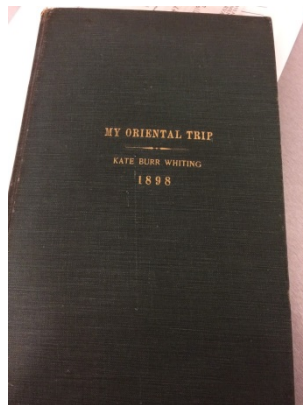
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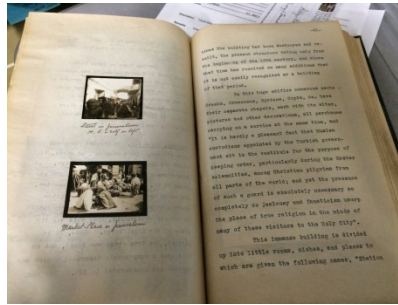


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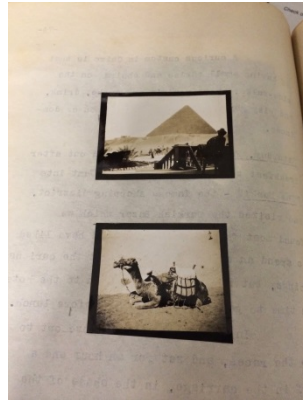
The Cover of Whiting's  
Travel Journal

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Street and Marketplace in Jerusalem



One of the Egyptian Pyramids  
and a Camel

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After this, I will be fully processing and organizing a Finding Aid for this journal. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading it so far because of my dual love for history and travel, and look forward to completing more research on its author. Simultaneously, I will continue to work on re-housing the negatives from the PR Group, which will show me more of the College's history. As the second half of the semester launches, I look forward to more interesting work within Special Collections and Archives!

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