

“Tidbits from Tibet” is a description of items and artefacts from Tibet that were exhibited at the National Museum (Smithsonian Institution) in Washington, D.C., in the 1880s. These items were collected by William Woodville Rockhill (1854-1914) and his wife in Tibet. Rockhill was an American diplomat who worked in the American Legation in Peking (Beijing) in the 1880s. During his time in China, he traveled to western China, Mongolia, and Tibet. It was during these expeditions that he collected many of the artefacts that he sent to the Smithsonian Museum in the United States. Today the items brought back by Rockville are in the Department of Anthropology, the National Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Anthropological Archives. Rockhill also published an account of his experiences called “The Land of the Lamas” (1893). Over the next few years, he held a number of government posts, including Secretary of State. From 1897 to 1913, he served, successively, as the US ambassador to Greece, Serbia, Romania, China, Russia, and Turkey. Rockhill is known for his role in creating the US Open Door Policy towards China, and for being the first American to learn to speak the Tibetan language. Tibet is a region in the Himalayas mountains of southeastern China. Although Tibet is a part of China, its people are culturally and linguistically distinct from the country’s Han Chinese majority. Modern Tibetans are probably descended from a mixture of early prehistoric inhabitants of the mountains, and later emigrants from the lowlands. Tibet was unified in the 7th century A.D., and became a powerful kingdom by the 8th century, whose empire extended into eastern China and the “stans” of Central Asia. Buddhism became the state religion. After the decline of the old Tibetan empire, the region came under the intermittent domination of dynasties in China, including the Mongol Yuan Dynasty, and the Manchu Qing Dynasty. After the Manchu Dynasty fell in 1911, the Dalai Lama of Tibet declared independence from China in 1913. Tibet’s interlude of independence ended after the Chinese Communist victory ended China’s decades of civil war in 1949. In 1950 the new Chinese government reincorporated Tibet into China.

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