

Commemorative medal recording festivities at the Maharajah's Well, Stoke Row, Oxfordshire, 1872, n.d. [2007].

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| 1 | <p>Commemorative medal recording festivities at the Maharajah's Well, Stoke Row, Oxfordshire.</p> <p>[The well in question was constructed as a gift from His Highness Ishree Pershad, Maharajah of Benares (later Varanasi), India, to the poor of Stoke Row, Oxfordshire, to mark the wedding of HRH the Prince of Wales (later Edward VII) to Princess Alexandra of Denmark in 1863. The well was built in 1864 by engineers Wilders of Wallingford, and is notable for its elaborate cover, featuring an elephant under a canopy. <i>See</i> D/EWR/B1 for Wilders' sales ledger recording their work on the well. In 1872 the Maharajah paid for gifts to the poor and celebrations at the well on the national day of thanksgiving to celebrate the Prince of Wales' recovery from typhoid fever, and it was apparently on this occasion that the medal was issued. <i>See</i> D/EWR/B1A for a pamphlet on the well, published to celebrate its centenary, 1964.]</p> <p>(The medal depicts on one side the well with the date of its [opening] on 10 March 1865, and on the other the Maharajah with the date of the day of thanksgiving, 27 February 1872.)</p> | 1 item | 1872 |
| 2/1-2 | <p>Printouts from microfilm copies of the <i>Reading Mercury</i>, 24 February and 2 March 1872, containing reports on the thanksgiving celebrations, including a brief account of the original gift of the well.</p> | 1 bdl | n.d. [2007] |