# EAP 737 Representing Self and Family Tamil Studio portraiture

Between July 2015 and June 2016 the EAP 737 team conducted an in-depth survey of photo studios in 14 towns throughout the state of Tamil Nadu (South India) seeking out endangered photographic archives.

As a result of this pilot project, a comprehensive survey of 100 photo studios accompanied by over 1 000 digital samples of photographic material (glass-plates negatives, film negatives and prints) have been produced.



Babuji Studio (Pondicherry)

Ganesh Studio (Madurai)





Thangam Studio (Madurai)

Mathy Kalaikkoodam (Pollachi)





Aathavan Studio (Madurai)

Rasi Studio (Madurai)

#### Modern(ised) Studios





**Vyram Studio (Pondicherry)** 

Studio Vijay (Coimbatore)



Kalpana Studio (Tirunelveli)



#### Modern(ised) Studios



IAB Photo PVT.LTD.(Coimbatore)



Sivaram Studio (Coimbatore)

#### Studio Photographers



Star studio (Pondicherry)



Vamana studio (Madurai)



Mathi Kalaikkoodam Studio (Pollachi)

#### Studio Photographers



Raju's Electric Studio (Coimbatore)



Moon Light studio (Madurai)

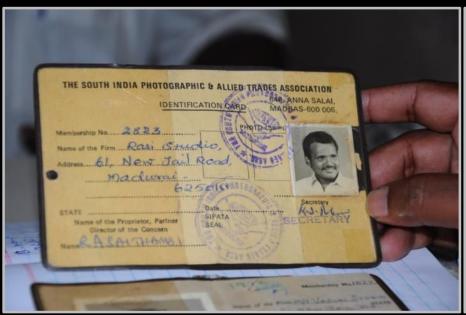


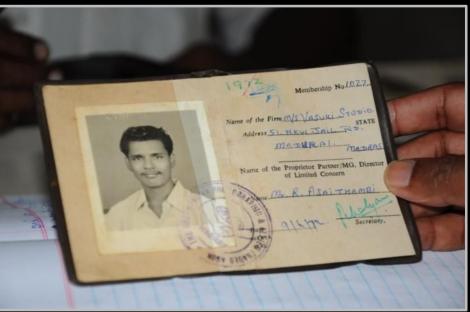
Kumar Studio (Madurai)



Ganga studio (Madurai)

#### Studio Photographer Membership Card







Rasi Studio (Madurai)

#### Studio Opening Invitation



Moon Light Studio (Madurai)

#### Studio Interiors and backdrops









Vijaya Studio (Pondicherry), Thangam and Rasi Studio (Madurai)

#### Studio interiors

#### Saratha studio (Cuddalore)



R.T. Velu studio (Villupuram)



Ganga studio (Chennai)

# Dark room equipment



Wall mount enlarger Moonlight Studio (Madurai)



Black & White enlarger Aathavan Studio (Madurai)

## Dark room equipment







Black and white enlarger Jothi Studio (Tindivanam)

## **Colour Enlarger**



Saratha Studio (Cuddalore)

#### Darkroom Equipment



Moon light studio (1964) Madurai



Nathan Studio (Jayankondam)

## Camera Archives



Rasi studio (Madurai)



Annai Studio (Cuddalore)

#### Camera Archives



Jothi Studio (Tindivanam)

Marar Studio (Tirunelveli)



## Field Camera



Sen studio (Chennai)



G.K. Vale & Co (Chennai)

# Field Camera with Lens









Jothi Studio (Tindivanam)

# Wooden stand & Field camera



Moon Light Studio (Madurai)



Jothi Studio (Tindivanam)









Film & glass plates negatives, I.D. photo envellops, cardboard frames













Storage (outside and inside) of negatives











Film negatives



Glass plate negatives













A glass plate negative









Glass plate negatives



Vignetted portraits (Negative masked with black paper)

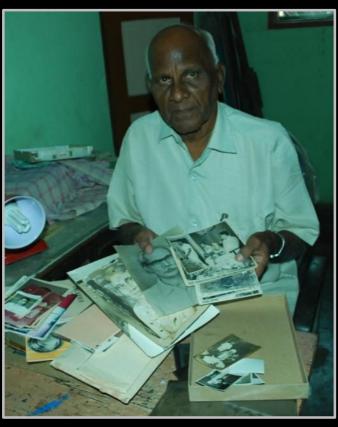
Colour slides





#### Photographic prints















Photographic prints on studio doors



Over painted black & white photographic print



#### Studio survey



Balaji Studio - Chennai



Vijaya Studio - Pondicherry



Crown Studio - Coimbatore



Annai Studio - Cuddalore

## Digitization Process









Vasan Studio - Karaikkudi



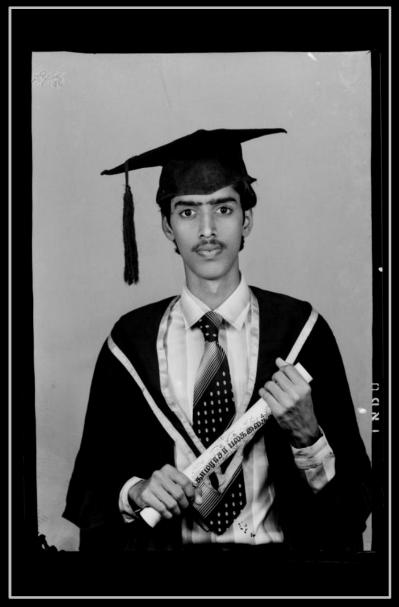
Original film negative



Positive obtained in Adobe Lightroom



Original glass plate negative



Positive obtained in Adobe Lightroom





Original film negative

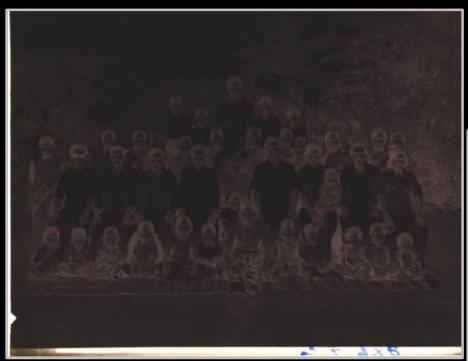
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Original glass plate negative

Positive obtained in Adobe Lightroom



Original glass plate negative



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# Digital images of prints































