SOUTH GEORGIA GLASS PLATES from the 1920’s-30’s

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Football match, possibly at Leith
Whale catcher, possibly Petrel
The crew of RRS William Scoresby
Whale catcher Narval
Edward Binnie (Magistrate) and his wife
Secretary Leif Fougts, Manager Carl Lange(?), Magistrate Edward Binnie
Football match, possibly at Leith
Long jump, possibly at Leith
Grytviken in 1905, one of the earliest photos of the whaling station
COMMENT: THIS IS ONE OF THE EARLIEST KNOWN items sent from South Georgia, almost three years before the establishment of a Post Office.

The card shows buildings at Grytviken and bears a cachet “FROM THE SOUTH GEORGIA EXPEDITION BY E. SWINHOE”. It is dated 16.2.07 and mentions: “What do you think of these little wooden huts. I am very busy here all amongst the wild ostriches, lions and other few interesting subjects.”. Ernest Swinhoe was manager of the South Georgia Exploration Company which leased South Georgia from 1 July 1905.
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