

Title: Greeting Card Collection**Collection dates: 1870 - 1988****Collection number: MS 11****Extent: 12 linear feet, 10 boxes****Creator: Gifts from various contributors****Condition of access: Unrestricted, by appointment only****Language: English****Repository: Enoch Pratt Free Library Special Collections****Contact Information:**

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Source of Acquisition:

The collection was developed from a number of small gifts to the library. Susan Romano processed the collection and Kelly Peters completed the finding aid.

Scope and Contents Note:

The Greeting Card Collection includes 71,000 items; holiday, greeting, souvenir and Valentine's cards. The majority of the greeting cards are Christmas cards, housed in six out of the ten boxes and totaling 466 folders in the collection. The rest of the cards are dedicated to Valentine's Day (the second largest part of the collection) Easter, shower, graduation, and other celebratory events. The collection is broken up into ten series: I. Baby Shower- Christmas: Birds 1975-1988; II. Christmas: Boars head- Families 1880-1962; III. Christmas: Family Names 1925-1962- Holly; IV. Christmas: Insects- Ornaments 1945-1969; V. Christmas: Outdoor Scenes- Snowmen; VI. Christmas: St. Nick Booklets- Easter: Animals; VII. Easter: Crafts- Valentine's: Animals- Stand-ups; VIII. Valentine's: Birthday- Welcome Home; IX. Oversized Cards; X. Scrapbooks. The entire collection is arranged alphabetically by subject, then chronologically.

Series Description:**I. Baby Shower- Christmas: Birds 1975-1988**

The first series consists of greeting cards with the subject areas above. Folders are arranged alphabetically by subject then chronologically.

II. Christmas: Boars head- Families 1880-1962

The second series is the first full box of Christmas greeting cards. Folders are arranged alphabetically by subject then chronologically.

III. Christmas: Family Names 1925-1962- Holly

The third series is the second full box of Christmas cards. Folders are arranged alphabetically by subject then chronologically.

IV. Christmas: Insects- Ornaments 1945-1969

The fourth series is the third full box of Christmas cards. Folders are arranged alphabetically by subject then chronologically.

V. Christmas: Outdoor Scenes- Snowmen

The fifth series is the fourth full box of Christmas cards. Folders are arranged alphabetically by subject then chronologically.

VI. Christmas: St. Nick Booklets- Easter: Animals

The sixth series is the final box of Christmas cards and the beginning of the Easter cards. Folders are arranged alphabetically by subject then chronologically.

VII. Easter: Crafts- Valentine's: Animals-Stand-ups

The seventh series is the final box of Easter cards and the beginning of the second biggest part of the collection, Valentine cards. It is in the Valentine collection that mechanical and stand-up cards first appear from the entire greeting card collection. Folders are arranged alphabetically by subject then chronologically.

VIII. Valentine's: Birthday- Welcome Home

The eighth series is the final box of regular sized greeting cards. Folders are arranged alphabetically by subject then chronologically.

IX. Oversized Cards

The ninth series is a collection of ten cards-mostly dealing with love and affection- with decorative additions to the card. These cards are not arranged in any particular order.

X. Scrapbooks

The tenth series contains three scrapbooks given to the library as a gift. All three are a miscellaneous assortment of greeting cards compiled into a book form. One book was given to the library in 1937 while the other two were given in 1941. Box 10 contains the first volume of one set of scrapbooks where the cards were removed for preservation purposes. This series is arranged by the year the book was given to the library.

Container List:

Series I: Baby Shower- Christmas: Birds 1975-1988

Box 1	Folder 1	Baby Shower
	Folder 2-3	Best Wishes 1870-1917
	Folder 4	Best Wishes miscellaneous
	Folder 5-7	Birthday Greetings 1881-1983
	Folder 8-10	Birthday Greetings miscellaneous
	Folder 11	Bon Voyage
	Folder 12	Bridal Shower
	Folder 13-16	Calendars 1888-1952
	Folder 17	Calendars miscellaneous
	Folder 18	Christmas: African American
	Folder 19	Airplanes

Folder 20	American Artists 1946-1988
Folder 21-22	American Artists miscellaneous
Folder 23-39	Angels 1881-1964
Folder 40-43	Angels miscellaneous
Folder 44-58	Animals 1927-88
Folder 59-62	Animals miscellaneous
Folder 63	Christmas: Baltimore Artists: Berge, Steve
Folder 64	Farley, Frederic
Folder 65	Heiss, Arthur
Folder 66	Wirth, Robert
Folder 67-69	Miscellaneous
Folder 70-75	Bells 1910-64
Folder 76	Bells miscellaneous
Folder 77-83	Birds 1879-1988
Folder 84-85	Birds miscellaneous

Series II: Christmas: Boars head- Families 1880-1962

Box 2	Folder 86	Christmas: Boars head
	Folder 87-91	Boats 1880-1947
	Folder 92	Boats miscellaneous
	Folder 93-94	Booklets
	Folder 95-109	Candles 1900-1988
	Folder 110-112	Candles miscellaneous
	Folder 113-121	Children 1871-1988
	Folder 122-124	Children miscellaneous
	Folder 125-130	Church 1891-1979
	Folder 131-132	Church miscellaneous
	Folder 133-142	Coach 1900-1988
	Folder 143	Coach miscellaneous
	Folder 144-150	Commercial 1932-1988
	Folder 151-152	Commercial miscellaneous
	Folder 153	Couples 1901-1938
	Folder 154	Couples miscellaneous
	Folder 155-156	Dancing 1842-1988
	Folder 157-159	Doorway 1900-1975
	Folder 160	Doorway miscellaneous
	Folder 161	Elves 1938
	Folder 162-165	Families 1880-1962

Series III. Christmas: Family Names 1925-1962- Holly

Box 3	Folder 166-174	Christmas: Family Names 1925-1962
	Folder 175	Family Names miscellaneous
	Folder 176-182	Fireplace 1900-1988
	Folder 183	Fireplace miscellaneous
	Folder 184-192	Flowers 1870-1988
	Folder 193-198	Flowers miscellaneous

Folder 199		Friars 1945-1956
Folder 200		Geographic: Africa
Folder 201		Argentina
Folder 202		Borneo
Folder 203	Christmas:	Geographic: Brazil
Folder 204		Canada
Folder 205		China 1936-37
Folder 206-209		China miscel- laneous
Folder 210		Cuba
Folder 211		Denmark and Finland
Folder 212		Egypt
Folder 213		France
Folder 214		Germany
Folder 215		Great Britain
Folder 216		India and Pakistan
Folder 217		Israel
Folder 218		Italy and Nepal
Folder 219		Japan
Folder 220		Korea
Folder 221		Mexico
Folder 222		New Zealand
Folder 223		Norway
Folder 224		Philippines
Folder 225		Russia
Folder 226		Spain
Folder 227		Sweden
Folder 228		Taiwan
Folder 229		Thailand
Folder 230		United States
Folder 231		Geography 1937-1960
Folder 232-240		Greetings 1890-1988
Folder 241		Greeting miscellaneous
Folder 242		Grenfell Mission
Folder 243-247		Handmade 1911-1988
Folder 248-249		Handmade miscellaneous
Folder 250-256		Holly 1890-1988
Folder 257-259		Holly miscellaneous

Series IV. Christmas: Insects- Ornaments 1945-1969

Box 4	Folder 260	Christmas: Insects
	Folder 261-265	Institutional 1933-1988
	Folder 266-267	Institutional miscellaneous
	Folder 268	Lanterns
	Folder 269-274	Landscapes 1885-1988
	Folder 275-277	Landscapes miscellaneous

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Christmas:

Madonna 1929-1988
 Madonna miscellaneous
 Magi and Shepherds 1930
 Magi and Shepherds miscellaneous
 Military 1949-1959
 Military miscellaneous
 Mittens
 Music 1932-1963
 Music miscellaneous
 Musicians 1927-1963
 Musicians miscellaneous
 Native American 1938-1951
 Nativity 1923-1979
 Nativity miscellaneous
 Novelty 1927-1988
 Novelty miscellaneous
 Oriental Designs 1963-1965
 Oriental Designs miscellaneous
 Ornaments 1945-1969

Series V. Christmas: Outdoor Scenes- Snowmen

Box 5

Folder 339-347
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 Folder 384-392
 Folder 393
 Folder 394-410
 Folder 411-415
 Folder 416-420
 Folder 421
 Folder 422-423
 Folder 424
 Folder 425-428

Christmas:

Outdoor Scenes 1882-1979
 Outdoor Scenes miscellaneous
 Peasants 1933-1948
 Peasants miscellaneous
 People Greeting 1929-1961
 People Greeting miscellaneous
 Photographs 1920-1988
 Photographs miscellaneous
 Pine Cones
 Plum Pudding
 Poems 1900-1988
 Poems miscellaneous
 Poinsettias 1901-1988
 Poinsettias miscellaneous
 Presents 1932-1988
 Presents miscellaneous
 Religious 1900-1979
 Religious miscellaneous
 Santa Claus 1881-1988
 Santa Claus miscellaneous
 Shepherds 1920-1969
 Shrines
 Skiing 1935-1946
 Skiing miscellaneous
 Sleighing 1927-1949

Folder 429	Christmas: Sleighing miscellaneous
Folder 430-434	Snowmen 1938-1988
Folder 435-436	Snowmen miscellaneous

Series VI. Christmas: St. Nick Booklets- Easter: Animals

Box 6	Folder 437	Christmas: St. Nick Booklets 1872
	Folder 438-439	Stars 1884-1988
	Folder 440	Stars miscellaneous
	Folder 441-448	Street Scenes 1927-1988
	Folder 449	Street Scenes miscellaneous
	Folder 450-564	Trees 1900-1988
	Folder 465-467	Trees miscellaneous
	Folder 468-469	UNICEF
	Folder 470	V-Mail
	Folder 471	Verse 1911-1930
	Folder 472-474	WWII 1940-1945
	Folder 475-479	Wreaths 1938-1988
	Folder 480	Wreaths miscellaneous
	Folder 481-483	Yule Log 1900-1938
	Folder 484	Yule Log miscellaneous
	Folder 485	Confirmation 1820
	Folder 486-495	Convalescence 1934-1981
	Folder 496-502	Convalescence miscellaneous
	Folder 503	Dance Programs 1880-1882
	Folder 504	Easter: Angels 1944-1957
	Folder 505	Angels miscellaneous
	Folder 506-509	Animals 1891-1957
	Folder 510-512	Animals miscellaneous

Series VII. Easter: Crafts- Valentine's: Animals-Stand-ups

Box 7	Folder 513	Easter: Crafts
	Folder 514-516	Crosses 1870-1977
	Folder 517-519	Crosses miscellaneous
	Folder 520	Eggs
	Folder 521-528	Flowers 1877-1979
	Folder 529-531	Flowers miscellaneous
	Folder 532-533	Fringed
	Folder 534	German 1960
	Folder 535	Handmade
	Folder 536	Jesus 1938-1957
	Folder 537-538	People 1881-1957
	Folder 539	People miscellaneous
	Folder 540	Engagement Cards
	Folder 541-542	Father's Day 1943-1957
	Folder 543	Father's Day miscellaneous
	Folder 544	Friendship 1882-1952

Folder 545	Gift Cards
Folder 546	Good Luck
Folder 547	Graduation 1906-1943
Folder 548	Graduation miscellaneous
Folder 549	Greetings: Booklets
Folder 550	Chinese
Folder 551	Drop-A-Line
Folder 552-553	Friendship
Folder 554	General
Folder 555	German 1891-1900
Folder 556	German miscellaneous
Folder 557	Love Booklets
Folder 558	Palestine
Folder 559-562	Mother's Day 1932-1979
Folder 563	Mother's Day miscellaneous
Folder 564	Mourning Card 1886
Folder 565	New Year's: Booklet
Folder 566-568	Cards 1870-1957
Folder 569-571	Cards miscellaneous
Folder 572-573	Fringed
Folder 574	Prize Cards 1885
Folder 575	Religious: Cards 1879-1903
Folder 576	Cards miscellaneous
Folder 577	German
Folder 578	Lacework 1855-1862
Folder 579	Lacework miscellaneous
Folder 580	Sunday School
Folder 581	Sympathy
Folder 582	Thank You 1923-1940
Folder 583	Thank You miscellaneous
Folder 584	Thanksgiving 1922
Folder 585	Valentine's: African American Child
Folder 586	Animals: 1940
Folder 587	Birds 1921
Folder 588	Mechanical
Folder 589-590	Miscellaneous
Folder 591	Ornamental
Folder 592	Stand-ups

Series VIII. Valentine's: Birthday- Welcome Home

Box 8	Folder 593	Valentine's: Birthday 1955
	Folder 594	Calendars 1887-1899
	Folder 595	Children: 1890-1930
	Folder 596	Valentine's: Children: Oversized
	Folder 597	Padded
	Folder 598-600	Couples: 1919-1940

Folder 601		Miscellaneous
Folder 602		Ornamental 1934-1936
Folder 603		Ornamental Miscellaneous
Folder 604		Stand-ups
Folder 605	Cupid:	1901-1930
Folder 606		Miscellaneous
Folder 607-608		Ornamental
Folder 609-610		Stand-ups
Folder 611	Daughter	
Folder 612-614	Females:	1844-1922
Folder 615		Mechanical
Folder 616		Miscellaneous
Folder 617-618		Ornamental
Folder 619-620		Stand-ups
Folder 621	Flowers:	
Folder 622-623		Ornamental
Folder 624-625		Stand-up
Folder 626-627	Fringed:	1880-1890
Folder 628		Miscellaneous
Folder 629		Ornamental
Folder 630	Ganzhorn Collection	
Folder 631	Godfather	
Folder 632	Grandparents	
Folder 633	Handwritten	
Folder 634-636	Hearts 1901-1952	
Folder 637	Hearts miscellaneous	
Folder 638	International Paper Impression 1965	
Folder 639	Lacy 1840-1920	
Folder 640	Landscape: Ornamental	
Folder 641	Magazine 1931	
Folder 642	Magnet 1891-1900	
Folder 643	Male:	1939
Folder 644-645		Mechanical
Folder 646		Miscellaneous
Folder 647		Ornamental
Folder 648	Mechanical 1890-1920	
Folder 649	Military Stand-ups	
Folder 650	Mothers	
Folder 651	Novelty 1889-1910	
Folder 652-653	Novelty miscellaneous	
Folder 654	Nursery Rhymes	
Folder 655	Valentine's: Ornamental 1900-1920	
Folder 656	Padded 1890	
Folder 657	Parents 1978-1979	
Folder 658	Parents miscellaneous	

Folder 659		Patriotic
Folder 660		Sister
Folder 661		Son and Wife
Folder 662		Son-in-Law
Folder 663		Stand-ups 1901-1920
Folder 664		Teacher miscellaneous
Folder 665		Teacher Stand-ups
Folder 666		Verses 1832-1882
Folder 667		Verses miscellaneous
Folder 668		Wife
Folder 669		White Collection
Folder 670-672	Wedding:	Anniversary 1936-1957
Folder 673-674		Anniversary miscellaneous
Folder 675		Cards
Folder 676	Welcome Home	

Series IX. Oversized Cards – Box 9

Series X. Scrapbooks - Box 10

Scrapbook 1: “Greeting Cards/1882-1888/Compiled by Mary Maynard”

Scrapbook 2: “Miscellaneous Collections of Mounted Greeting Cards and Pictures Vol. 1”

Scrapbook 3: “Miscellaneous Collections of Mounted Greeting Cards and Pictures Vol. 2”

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