

Title: Bookplate Collection**Collection dates: Approximate dates 1900(?) – 1960(?)****Collection number: MS 32****Extent: 18 linear feet, 18 boxes****Creator: Edith R. Bevan, Miss Bertha R. Steiner, and 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 Bookplate Collection contains more than 7,000 bookplates donated by various owners through a 30 year period. The bulk of the collection came through many donations by Edith R. Bevan from 1939 to 1955. Mrs. Bevan had been a collector of bookplates since 1909 and kept her bookplates in bound, mounted volumes. Also adding to the collection was Miss Bertha R. Steiner, sister of Dr. Bernard C. Steiner, former Enoch Pratt Free Library director. Miss Steiner donated her collection of bookplates during the 1940s, which were then added into the Bevan donation. The Bookplate Collection originally resided in the Fine Arts Department of the Library, until the collection was moved to the Special Collections Department.

Scope and Contents Note:

The Bookplate Collection contains more than 7,000 bookplates. The bookplates donated by Mrs. Bevan are in blue binders, with each bookplate mounted on paper. These binders are not in the best of shape and some of the pages are falling out. They are arranged by part and volume numbers (ex. Part I, Vol. II), starting with armorial bookplates. Four of these volumes deal specifically with Maryland. There is also a bookplate database on the Special Collections share-drive holding more than 1,200 bookplates. The boxes and folders **not included** in this database are:

Boxes 1-4: contain newsletters, "Bookplates in the News"

Boxes 5 & 6: contain bookplates that arrived with correspondence, through a trade

Box 10, Folder 61: contains bookplates that arrived with correspondence, through a trade

Box 10a: contains Benjamin Barnes Lovett bookplate, four stacks of the same plate

Box 12, Folder 73: contains bookplates that arrived with correspondence, through a trade

Box 12a-12c: contain Bertha R. Steiner bequests that are duplicated in the Edith R. Bevan volumes

Box 13-Folders 76 & 77: contain bookplates that arrived with correspondence, research materials and news clippings

Box 14-14f: contain duplicate bookplates from the Edith R. Bevan volumes

Box 18: contains bookplate catalogs and oversized materials

This collection also includes the bookplates of notable figures including:

Charles Chaplin	Woodrow Wilson
Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt	H.L. Mencken
Edwin Tunis	Bobby Jones (professional golfer)
Frances Folsom Cleveland (wife of President Grover Cleveland)	Bernard Steiner

The collection is not divided into series. There is a box and folder-level container list at the end of this document. The collection contains various materials including actual bookplates, correspondence, news clippings, bookplate catalogs, and proofs. Also, included in the correspondence are bookplate exchange letters. Exchanges were a way for bookplate collectors and designers to freely share their creations or collections with other collectors. The first three boxes of the collection contain a newsletter called, "Bookplates in the News," spanning from 1971 to 1993. "Bookplates in the News," was a quarterly publication put out by the American Society of Bookplate Collectors and Designers. For those bookplates not in the database, they are arranged alphabetically by the owner of the bookplate.

Container List:

Box 1		<i>Bookplates in the News, 1971-76</i>
Box 2		<i>Bookplates in the News, 1977-83</i>
Box 3		<i>Bookplates in the News, 1984-93</i>
Box 4	Folder 1	Information about bookplates and examples of bookplates
	Folders 2-4	Bookplate catalogs and checklists (arranged alphabetically by company or artist)
Box 5	Folder 5	Correspondence-Bonsall
	Folder 6	Correspondence-Cushing
	Folder 7	Correspondence-Gordon
	Folder 8	Correspondence-Hodgdon
	Folder 9	Correspondence-Junge
	Folder 10	Correspondence-Kilbourne
	Folder 11	Correspondence-Law
	Folder 12	Correspondence-Lorman
	Folder 13	Correspondence-Lovett
	Folder 14	Correspondence-Mann-Smith
	Folder 15	Correspondence-Wilke
	Folder 16	Correspondence-Winslow
	Folder 17	Bookplate Exchange-Burgers
	Folder 18	Bookplate Exchange-Church
	Folder 19	Bookplate Exchange-Fogedgaard
	Folder 20	Bookplate Exchange-Kohler
	Folder 21	Bookplate Exchange-Molina
	Folder 22-23	Bookplate Exchange-Nippon Ex-Libris Association, 1962, 1967

	Folder 24	Bookplate Exchange-Taylor
Box 6	Folder 25	Elisha Brown Bird bookplate information (1946)
	Folder 26	R.W. Mindte Donation Information (1955)
	Folder 27	Nancy Lovett Olive Donation Information (1968)
	Folder 28	Enoch Pratt Free Library Display bookplates
	Folder 29	Ex-Libris bookplates
	Folder 30	Correspondence-Sidney Lawton Smith bookplate gift to Mrs. Bevan
Box 7	Folder 31	Gift by Carlyle Baer, March 16, 1960; Personal, Armorial Bookplates, A-L
	Folder 32	Gift by Carlyle Baer, March 16, 1960; Personal, Armorial Bookplates, M-Z
	Folder 33	Bookplates of clubs, associations, schools, etc. and bookplates designed by Elisha Brown Bird
	Folder 34	Bookplates of clubs, associations, schools, etc. and bookplates designed by Elisha Brown Bird, duplicated in the Edith R. Bevan volumes
	Folder 35	Gift by Charles H. Boardman, III
	Folder 36	Gift by Donthe
	Folder 37	Gift by Donthe duplicated in the Edith R. Bevan volumes
	Folder 38	Gift by Captain Samuel Lazarus
	Folder 39	Gift by Sheppard Pratt Hospital
Box 8	Folder 40	Armorial bookplates
	Folder 41	Clubs, Societies, Associations, etc.
	Folder 42	Foreign Bookplates
	Folder 43	Government Agencies
	Folder 44	Libraries
	Folder 45	Schools, Colleges, Universities, etc.
	Folder 46	Valuable Bookplates (as labeled by earlier processor)
	Folder 47	Ungrouped Bookplates
Box 9	Folder 48	Cardinal Gibbons bookplate and proofs
	Folder 49	Benjamin Barnes Lovett bookplate
	Folder 50	John Peterson & Son bookplates
	Folder 51	Edgar Williams' bookplates
	Folder 52	Proofs, A-C
	Folder 53	Proofs, D-H
	Folder 54	Proofs of J. Jameson
	Folder 55	Proofs, L-R
	Folder 56	Proofs, S-Z
Box 9a		Miscellaneous bookplates

Box 10	Folder 57	Elisha Brown Bird bookplates
	Folder 58-60	Elisha Brown Bird proofs
	Folder 61	Elisha Brown Bird bookplate and correspondence
	Folder 62	Edwin Davis French bookplates
	Folder 63	Edwin Davis French proofs
	Folder 64	William Fowler Hopson proofs
	Folder 65	William Fowler Hopson bookplates
Box 10a		Benjamin Barnes Lovett bookplate by Edwin Davis French
Box 11	Folder 66	Carl J. Junge bookplates
	Folder 67	Arthur Nelson MacDonald bookplates and proofs
	Folder 68	William Simmons proofs
	Folder 69	Sidney Lawton Smith bookplates
	Folder 70	Sidney Lawton Smith proofs
	Folder 71	J. Winfred Spenceley bookplates
	Folder 72	J. Winfred Spenceley proofs
Box 12	Folder 73	Correspondence about Bertha R. Steiner collection
	Folder 74	Bertha R. Steiner Original bookplates
	Folder 75	Bertha R. Steiner bequests duplicated in Edith R. Bevan volumes; oversized
Box 12a		Bertha R. Steiner bequests duplicated in Edith R. Bevan volumes; Parts I-III
Box 12b		Bertha R. Steiner bequests duplicated in Edith R. Bevan volumes; Parts IV-V, Vol. 9
Box 12c		Bertha R. Steiner bequests duplicated in Edith R. Bevan volumes; Parts V, Vol. 10-VIII
Box 13	Folder 76	Edith R. Bevan donation materials (1955)
	Folder 77	News clippings
	Folder 78	Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; Personal
	Folder 79	Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; Clubs, Associations, Organizations, etc.
	Folder 80	Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; Colleges, Universities, Schools, etc., B-N
	Folder 81	Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; Colleges, Universities, Schools, etc., R-Y
	Folder 82	Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; Libraries, B-Ma
	Folder 83	Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; Libraries, Me-W
Box 13a		Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; not mounted
Box 14	Folder 84	Display bookplates-Enoch Pratt Free Library display
	Folder 85	Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; oversized

Box 14a		Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; Part I, Vols. 1-8
Box 14b		Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; Part I, Vol. 9-Part 2, Vol. 4
Box 14c		Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; Part III, Vols. 1-4
Box 14d		Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; Part IV, Vols. 1-4
Box 14e		Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; Part V, Vols. 1-8
Box 14f		Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; Part V, Vols. 9-12 & Part VIII, Vols. 1 & 2
Box 15		Maryland bookplates
Box 16		Benjamin Barnes Lovett collection, Nos. 1-190
Box 17		Benjamin Barnes Lovett collection, Nos. 191-371
Box 18	Folder 86	Proof of bookplate-Hartford Medical Society by Robert Logan, 1924, 2 pcs.
		Proof of bookplate by Gabrielle de Clemente
	Folder 87	Proofs and bookplates by Henry Andre
	Folder 88	Bookplate catalogs by Stanley O. Bezanson, 1942-1955
	Folder 89	Bookplate catalogs by American Society of Bookplate Collectors and Designers
	Folder 90	Miscellaneous bookplate catalogs

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