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## John Whitman Christmas Diskette Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	John Whitman Christmas Diskette Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1983 December 8
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0091
<b>Creator:</b>	Whitman, John (President of Oakland Group, Inc.) (Collector)
<b>Extent:</b>	0.15 Cubic feet (1 folder)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Oakland Group, 1983, December.

### Other Finding Aids

Inventory available; contact the Archives Center for more information.

### Processing Information

This collection was processed by Robert Harding, archivist.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

In 1983 John Whitman donated a computer diskette with a copy of the first Christmas card created by J.C. Horsley in 1843. The diskette runs on an Apple II or IIe. The diskette also includes two Christmas computer games.

## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of one 5 ½" x 5 ½" floppy diskette from John Whitman of Micromedia Software in Wellesley, MA, which purports to portray the first Christmas card. It is believed that J. C. Horsley designed the card in England in 1843. When displayed on computer screen the card reads, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year you." Along with the card the diskette asks a variety of visual questions like, "What do you want for Christmas?" and then displays a personalized Christmas story. The diskette also includes two Christmas computer games, one called Christmas Tree; the other Multiple Joys.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Christmas  
Games

Types of Materials:

Diskettes  
Floppy disks

Names:

Horsley, J.C.  
Oakland Group, Inc.

Places:

England

## Container Listing

Box 1	Floppy diskette from John Whitman of Micromedia Software 1 Floppy disc (5 1/2" x 5 1/2")
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