Guide to the Archives Center Scrapbook Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Archives Center Scrapbook Collection
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0468
Date: circa 1880-circa 1960
Extent: 13 Cubic feet (48 boxes)
Creator: Archives Center, NMAH, SI.
Language: English
Digital Content: Image(s): Archives Center Scrapbook Collection

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Processing Information
Collection processed by NMAH Staff, undated

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Scope and Contents

Miscellaneous late nineteenth/early twentieth century scrapbooks containing postcards, trade cards, greeting cards, decals, and other ephemera. Included are: (1) trade cards for thread, tobacco, barbers, sewing machines, toiletries and shaving products, tobacco, undertakers and patent medicine; (2) images of women, children, pets, and flowers; (3) greeting cards celebrating Christmas, birthdays, Halloween, and
St. Patrick's Day; and (4) postcards from the United States and around the world. Some of the items in the scrapbooks are comical or picturesque. Most of the scrapbooks were created by women. Also included are several twentieth century diaries, including two travel diaries written by women.

Arrangement

1 series. Unarranged.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
Barbering
Greeting cards -- 20th century
Lighthouses
Shaving
Travel
Wit and humor
Women -- History -- 19th century
Women -- History -- 20th century
Women -- Social life and customs -- 19th century

Types of Materials:
Advertising cards
Diaries -- 20th century
Postcards
Scrapbooks -- 19th century
Scrapbooks -- 20th century
Trade cards

Names:
Harvard University

Geographic Names:
Asia
Ausable Chasm (N.Y.)
California
Canada
Colorado
Coney Island (New York, N.Y.)
Connecticut
Europe
Hawaii
Illinois
Indiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Mexico
Michigan
Middle East
New England
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
North Carolina
Ohio
Panama
Pennsylvania
Plymouth (England)
Rhode Island
Rochester (N.Y.)
South Carolina
Tennessee
Vermont
Virginia
Washington (D.C.)