Guide to the Darrell Bertness Postcard Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Darrell Bertness Postcard Collection
Identifier: NMAH.AC.1190
Date: mid-20th century
Extent: 0.25 Cubic feet (1 box, 371 items)
Creator: Bertness, Darrell
Language: English
Summary: This is a small group of picture postcards.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Donated by Darrell L. Bertness to the Archives Center in 2009.

Processing Information
Processed by Anne Jones (volunteer), 2010

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents

This collection of postcards consists primarily of birth announcements and birth congratulations, birthday greetings, and Valentine's Day cards. Also included are July 4th and Memorial Day greetings, postcards featuring George Washington and a group of Norwegian scenes. The postcards were manufactured in the United States, Germany and Norway; the texts are in English, with the exception of the Norwegian cards. The cards are printed in color, with the exception of the Norwegian cards.

Arrangement

The postcards are arranged by type and subject matter as follows: birth announcements, birth congratulations, birthday greetings, friendship and good wishes, various holiday cards, Memorial Day and 4th of July, George Washington, and Norwegian scenes.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- April Fools' Day
- Greeting cards
- Holidays

Types of Materials:
- Picture postcards -- 20th century
- Postcards
Container Listing

Box 1, Item 1-7  Birth announcements featuring storks and babies
Box 1, Item 8-9  Birth congratulations featuring storks and babies
Box 1, Item 10  Birthday greetings featuring scenes, with verses
Box 1, Item 11  Birthday greetings featuring flowers
Box 1, Item 12  Birthday greetings featuring scenes with people and water scenes, German
Box 1, Item 13  Birthday greetings featuring rural scenes, German
Box 1, Item 14  Birthday greetings featuring rural scenes with animals, German
Box 1, Item 15  General congratulations and best wishes, German
Box 1, Item 16  Wedding congratulations, thank you card, and dance invitations
Box 1, Item 17  Various good wishes featuring children at prayer
Box 1, Item 18  April Fool's Day cards
Box 1, Item 19  Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving cards
Box 1, Item 20  Memorial Day cards
Box 1, Item 21  July 4th cards
Box 1, Item 22  Valentine cards with verses
Box 1, Item 23  Valentine cards featuring hearts and flowers
Box 1, Item 24  Funny Valentine cards
Box 1, Item 25  George Washington
Box 1, Item 26  George Washington with historic buildings
Box 1, Item 27  George Washington with cherries
Box 1, Item 28-29        Norwegian scenes, black and white