



Smithsonian

*National Museum of American History Kenneth E. Behring Center*

## Guide to the Darrell Bertness Postcard Collection

NMAH.AC.1190

Anne Jones

2010

Archives Center, National Museum of American History

P.O. Box 37012

Suite 1100, MRC 601

Washington, D.C. 20013-7012

[archivescenter@si.edu](mailto:archivescenter@si.edu)

<https://americanhistory.si.edu/archives>

## Table of Contents

Collection Overview .....	1
Administrative Information .....	1
Arrangement.....	2
Scope and Contents.....	1
Names and Subjects .....	2
Container Listing .....	3

---

## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Darrell Bertness Postcard Collection
<b>Date:</b>	mid-20th century
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1190
<b>Creator:</b>	Bertness, Darrell (Donor)
<b>Extent:</b>	0.25 Cubic feet (1 box, 371 items)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	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

Darrell L. Bertness Postcard Collection, mid-20th century, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

### Restrictions on Access

UNPROCESSED COLLECTION.

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research and access on site by appointment. Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

### Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

Collection items available for reproduction, but the Archives Center makes no guarantees concerning copyright restrictions. Other intellectual property rights may apply. Archives Center cost-recovery and use fees may apply when requesting reproductions.

---

## 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