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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Lillian Pease Card Company Records
Date:	1908-1936; undated
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1251
Source:	Gruppo, Barbara Pease (Donor) Rodney W. Pease, III (Donor) Piotrowicz, Elizabeth Pease (Donor) Leers, Katherine Pease (Donor)
Creator:	Pease, L.F. (Creator)
Extent:	2.33 Cubic feet (7 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The collection consists of samples of primarily greeting cards designed and created by the Lillian Pease Card Company.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated in 2011 to the Archives Center by the great-grandchildren of Lillian F. Pease: Katherine Pease Leers, Barbara Pease Gruppo, Rodney W. Pease III, and Elizabeth Pease Piotrowicz.

Related Materials

The Archives Center holds the records of the Sandford Greeting Card Company and Family Papers (AC1252).

Processing Information

Collection processed by Vanessa Broussard Simmons, archivist, January 2012.

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Biographical / Historical

Lillian Frances Kennedy Pease was born February 3, 1855 in New York. She worked as a teacher until her marriage to Alvah W. Pease, a jeweler from Buffalo, New York (1855-1925) in 1883. Shortly after her marriage she started a greeting card company on Laurel Street in Buffalo. Her sister, Mary Elizabeth Kennedy Sandford, also created a greeting card company in Danville, New York in 1907. Pease used the Sandford Card Company as a distributor for some of her greeting cards. Aside from her greeting card business Lillian was very involved in the Temperance Movement. On one occasion Pease went to Ireland to take part in the Women's Christian Temperance Union convention. Mementoes of this trip are in the Sandford Card Company Collection. Pease died in 1933 and the company closed shortly after her death.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists primarily of samples of cards designed and created by the Lillian Pease Card Company. Although most of the materials are greeting cards, there are also some postcards. Most of the cards have stock numbers and only a few of them are dated. Copyright applications and information pertaining to copyright registration are also found among these materials. In addition, there are two catalogues that list favorite message cards and a list of publications of the Sandford, Pease and Prince companies. The Sandford and Prince Card Companies were owned by Mary Elizabeth Sandford and Georgina Prince, sisters of Lillian Pease.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series.

Series 1: Greeting Cards and Postcards, 1910-1936; undated

Series 2: Copyright Materials, 1908-1912; undated

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Greeting card industry
- Greeting cards
- Holidays

Types of Materials:

- Postcards

Names:

- Gruppo, Barbara Pease
- Leers, Katherine Pease
- Piotrowicz, Elizabeth Pease
- Rodney W. Pease, III

Women's Christian Temperance Union

Container Listing

Series 1: Greeting Cards and Postcards, 1910-1936; undated

Box 1	Numbers 8-1304
Box 2	Numbers 1305-6761
Box 3	Numbers 6762-9983
Box 3	Numbers B45-F20
Box 4	Numbers F23-M98
Box 5	Numbers M 101-T 760
Box 5	Cards without numbers

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Series 2: Copyright Materials, 1908-1912; undated

Box 7, Folder 1	Certificates of copyright registration, 1908-1910
Box 7, Folder 2	Copyrights, 1908-1911
Box 6	Cards with certificate of copyright registrations, 1911
Box 6	Cards with applications for copyright, 1911-1912
Box 8, Folder 1	Catalogue for Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Years, 1911-1912
Box 8, Folder 1	Catalogue for St. Patrick's Day and Easter, 1912
Box 7, Folder 3	Instructions to secure copyright registration

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