

Guide to the Western Postcard Collection

WA MSS S-3014



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-3014

TITLE: Western postcard collection

DATES: circa 1893-2000

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 14.51 linear feet (16 boxes)

LANGUAGE: Postcard captions in English.

SUMMARY: The Western Postcard Collection consists of picture postcards depicting locations and scenes of the American West.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund, William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3, and the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 1998-2015.

July 1998 Acquisition: purchased from Ronald Rayman on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund.

June 2000 Acquisition: source unknown.

July 2004 Acquisition: purchased from Sindell and Company on the William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3.

November 2004 Acquisition: purchased from Sindell and Company on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana.

March 2006 Acquisition.

October 2006 Acquisition: gift of Michael Vinson.

May 2009 Acquisition: purchased from Ray C. Chasteen on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund.

October 2010 Acquisition: purchased from Ronald Rayman on the William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3.

December 2010 Acquisition: gift of George A. Miles.

April 2011 Acquisition: gift of Michael Vinson.

May 2011 Acquisition: gift of Peter Sindell.

July 2011 Acquisition: purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Ramona Lazare Fund.

August 2011 Acquisitions: purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund and Ramona Lazare Fund.

September 2011 Acquisitions: purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund.

October 2011 Acquisitions: purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Winlock William Miller, Jr. Memorial Fund and William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3.

August 2012 Acquisition: purchased from Vigilante Rare Documents on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana.

July 2014 Acquisition: source unknown.

October 2015 Acquisition: purchased from Michael Maslan on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2015.

Conditions Governing Access

This material are open for research.

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Processing Information

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This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Scope and Contents

The Western Postcard Collection consists of picture postcards depicting locations and scenes of the American West.

Arrangement

Organized into twenty-six groupings: July 1998 Acquisition; June 2000 Acquisition; July 2004 Acquisition; March 2006 Acquisition; October 2006 Acquisition; May 2009 Acquisition; October 2010 Acquisition; December 2010 Acquisition; April 2011 Acquisition; May 2011 Acquisition; July 2011 Acquisition; August 2011 Acquisitions; September 2011 Acquisitions; October 2011 Acquisitions; November 2011 Acquisition; December 2011 Acquisitions; January 2012 Acquisitions; February 2012 Acquisitions; March 2012 Acquisitions; April 2012 Acquisition; August 2012 Acquisition; March 2014 Acquisitions; April 2014 Acquisition; July 2014 Acquisition; October 2015 Acquisition; and Removed from Printed Materials.

Collection Contents

July 1998 Acquisition

1.08 linear feet (1 box)

Purchased from Ronald Rayman on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund, 1998.

b. 1	Postcards with views of Arkansas, Texas,, and trhe Texas Centennial Exposition <i>2 folders</i>	undated
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June 2000 Acquisition

1 item (1 item)

Source unknown.

b. 16	Color photographic postcard of Baltimore Hotel (Los Angeles, California)	1915
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July 2004 Acquisition

8 Items (8 items)

Purchased from Sindell and Company on the William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3.

b. 16	Black and white photographic postcards of rodeos	1912-1918
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March 2006 Acquisition*12 Items (2 items)*

Purchased from Sindell and Company on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2006.

b. 16	Black and white photographic postcard showing "Prince Rupert"	undated
b. 16	Black and white photographic postcard of "Braking Near Wainright"	undated

October 2006 Acquisition

15 Items (15 items)

Gift of Michael Vinson, 2006.

b. 16	Color postcards of Indigenous people	1902-1904
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May 2009 Acquisition

1.0 linear feet (1 box)

Purchased from Ray C. Chasteen on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund, 2009.

b. 13

Postcards

circa 1930-1939,
undated

October 2010 Acquisition

8 Items (8 items)

Purchased from Ronald Rayman on the William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3, 2010.

b. 16	Black and white photographic postcards of scenes of Sante Fe, New Mexico Removed from: Brother David, Interesting guide to see the oldest church, the oldest house, and the oldest bell : all in Santa Fe, with some historical items about New Mexico (Santa Fe: St. Michael's College, circa 1908) (call number Zc54 908da).	circa 1908
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December 2010 Acquisition

15 Items (15 items)

Gift of George A. Miles, 2010.

b. 16	Black and white photographic and color postcards of scenes of the American West and Canada	undated
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April 2011 Acquisition

1 item (1 item)

Gift of Michael Vinson, 2011.

b. 16	Black and white photographic postcard of a parade float along the Rio Grande Addressed to Miss Lucy Woodfin from "Farmer".	1913 July 4
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May 2011 Acquisition

3 Items (3 items)

Gift of Peter Sindell, 2011.

b. 16	Black and white photographic postcards of scenes of an oil fire, British Columbia, and Oklahoma by unidentified photographers	undated
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July 2011 Acquisition

1 item (1 item)

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Ramona Lazare Fund, 2011.

b. 16	Black and white photographic postcard of Fort Washakie Boarding School	undated
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August 2011 Acquisitions*5 Items (5 items)*

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund and Ramona Lazare Fund, 2011.

b. 16	Color photographic postcards of scenes of California, Colorado, and Iowa	1935 June 16, undated
b. 16	Color photographic postcard of Katy Depot, Muskogee, Oklahoma	1925 September 6

September 2011 Acquisitions*11 Items (11 items)*

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund, 2011.

b. 16	Color photographic postcard of Chilkoot Pass, Alaska by Portland Post Card Company	undated
b. 16	Black and white photographic postcard of Steamer "Lavelle Young" landing at Fairbanks, Alaska by P. E. J. Cern	undated
b. 16	Black and white photographic postcard of Seattle, Washington by Lowman & Hanford Stationary & Printing Co. No. 2190. Alaska sailing day, Seattle, Washington.	1907 December 11
b. 16	Color photographic postcard of gold from Alaska by Portland Post Card Company No. 9084. One & one half tons of gold from Alaska.	undated
b. 16	Color photographic postcard of a gold nugget from Alaska by an unidentified photographer Alaska's largest nugget, weight 182 oz.s, found on No. 5 Anvil Creek.	undated
b. 16	Color photographic postcard of the Northern Navigation Company's Yukon River packet Sarah by an unidentified photographer	undated
b. 16	Color photographic postcard of Chilkoot Pass, Alaska by E. G. Hegg "Over Chikoot Pass during the Gold Rush in Alaska. Thousands...." Published by Lawman & Hanford.	undated
b. 16	Color photographic postcards of scenes of Colorado, Iowa, and South Dakota	1910, undated
b. 16	Black and white photographic postcard of Skagway, Alaska by Van Ness Packer Jack Newman, 5 miles from Skagway-1898.	circa 1898

October 2011 Acquisitions*27 Items (27 items)*

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Winlock William Miller, Jr. Memorial Fund and William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3, 2011.

b. 16	Black and white and color postcards of scenes of Colorado, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah, and Washington	1906-1931, undated
b. 16	Photographic postcards of scenes of Alaska, California, and Missouri "Ketchikan", "Huts", "Beauties", "Scenic Highway", "Hot Springs", "Elms"	undated
b. 16	Photographic postcards of scenes of Alaska, Minnesota, and Missouri "Alaska", "Depot", "High School", "Post Office", "Court House", "Library"	undated

November 2011 Acquisition

1.08 linear feet (1 box)

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund, 2011.

b.1	Promotional booklets containing accordion fold format colored prints of local scenes published by Kurt Teich, and others <i>7 folders</i>	20th century
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December 2011 Acquisitions*5.5 linear feet (6 boxes)*

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund and the William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3 and Walter McClintock Memorial Fund, 2011.

b. 1	Souvenir postcard folders <i>8 folders</i>	undated
b. 2	Promotional booklets containing accordion fold format colored prints of local scenes	20th century
b. 3	Souvenir folders of postcards of western destinations <i>1 box</i>	undated
b. 4	Souvenir folders of postcards of western destinations	undated
b. 5	Souvenir folders of postcards of western destinations	undated
b. 6	Postcard folders and individual postcards	undated
b. 16	Black and white and color photographic postcards of scenes of Pipestone, Minnesota	undated

January 2012 Acquisitions*5.08 linear feet (5 boxes)*

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3, 2012. Gift of Michael Vinson, 2012.

b. 7-9	Postcards 1355 postcards and 1 postcard folder of scenes of the American West. Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3, 2012.	undated
b. 10	Souvenir folders of promotional postcards of US cities and various points of interest in North America	undated
b. 11	Illustrated folding promotional postcards containing colored prints of local scenes by Fred Harvey, and others <i>6 folders</i>	20th century
b. 16	Black and white photographic postcard of unidentified man by unidentified photographer	undated

February 2012 Acquisitions*1.08 linear feet (1 box)*

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund and the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2012.

b. 11	Souvenir folders of promotional postcards of US cities and various events and points of interest <i>3 folders</i>	undated
b. 11	Souvenir folders of promotional postcards of US cities and various events and points of interest <i>3 folders</i>	undated

March 2012 Acquisitions*2.08 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2012.

b. 12	Souvenir folders of promotional postcards <i>1 folder</i>	circa 1947, undated
b. 12	Souvenir postcard folders of various western destinations <i>3 folders</i>	undated
b. 12	Souvenir postcard folders of scenes of San Francisco <i>1 folder</i>	undated
b. 13	Souvenir folders of postcards of western destinations	undated
b. 12	Souvenir folders of promotional postcards of U.S. cities and various points of interest <i>2 folders</i>	undated

April 2012 Acquisition

1.08 linear feet (1 box)

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund, 2012.

b. 12	Souvenir folders of postcards of various western destinations <i>4 folders</i>	undated
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August 2012 Acquisitions*1.08 linear feet (1 box)*

Purchased from Vigilante Rare Documents on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana and Ronald Rayman on the William Robertson Coe Fund No. 3, 2012.

b. 14	Postcards of mines near Goldfield, Nevada	1907-1909
b. 16	Black and white photographic postcards of scenes of Big Bear Lake and the San Bernardino Mountains by an unidentified photographer	circa 1925

March 2014 Acquisitions*1.08 linear feet (1 box)*

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2012.

b. 14	Souvenir folders of promotional postcards published by American Colortype, and others <i>1 folder</i>	20th century
b. 14	Souvenir folders of postcards of western destinations and lifestyles <i>1 folder</i>	undated

April 2014 Acquisition

1.08 linear feet (1 box)

Purchased from Thomas C. Klopp on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund, 2014.

b. 14	Promotional postcards containing accordion fold format colored prints of local scenes by Kurt Teich, and others <i>1 folder</i>	20th century
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July 2014 Acquisition

1.08 linear feet (1 box)

Source unknown.

b. 14	Black and white and color postcards of scenes of the West <i>11 folders</i>	undated
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October 2015 Acquisition

0.58 linear feet (1 box)

Purchased from Michael Maslan on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2015.

b. 15	Photographic postcards of Albany, Oregon	circa 1893-1935
	Contains black and white photographic postcards, primarily of Albany, Oregon, most likely taken by William F. Peacock.	

Removed from printed materials*7 Items (7 items)*

Bequest of Paul Horgan and source unknown.

b. 16	Color postcard of Lincoln Bridge, Platt National Park, Sulphur, Oklahoma	circa 1910
b. 16	Color photographic postcard of Cherokee Mountain Crafts	undated
b. 16	Color photographic postcards of the Old St. Louis Cathedral, St. Louis, Missouri	undated
b. 16	Color postcard of "The World Coming To Texas"	undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Postcards -- West (U.S.)

Geographic Names

West (U.S.) -- In art

West (U.S.) -- In mass media

West (U.S.) -- In popular culture

Genres / Formats

Picture postcards

Postcards