

Guide to the Ephemera Collection

MS 1879



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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Manuscripts and Archives
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CALL NUMBER: MS 1879

TITLE: Ephemera collection

DATES: 1792-1992

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 6.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection contains primarily political, military, and commemorative ephemera, including but not limited to pins, ribbons, buttons, cuff links, and medals.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from Coins and Medals, Yale University Art Gallery, 2002.

Conditions Governing Access

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by type of material: Cloth, Metal, and Paper/Wood

Collection Contents

	Cloth	
b. 1, f. 1 - 5	General	1876, 1890-1926, 1941, undated
	Military	
b. 1, f. 6	General See also: Box 12, Folder 26 - 32 See also: Box 13, Folder 33 - 35	1879-1896, 1914, undated
b. 1, f. 7	"Campaigns and Decorations" English	undated
b. 1, f. 8	Spanish-American War	1904-1923
b. 2, f. 9 - 12	Numismatics' conventions ribbons	1963-1991
b. 2, f. 13	Political	1892-1910, undated
	Metal	
b. 3	General	1919, 1935-1940, undated
b. 3	Awards	1824, 1889, 1898, 1909, undated
	Commemorative [including souvenirs]	
b. 3-4	General	1876-1937, undated
b. 4	Columbus, Christopher, voyage to America quadricentennial	1892
b. 4	Dewey, George, return from Spanish-American War	1898-1899, undated
b. 4	Edward VII, King of the United Kingdom, coronation	1902
b. 4	Expositions and world's fairs	1876, 1893-1894, 1939
b. 4	Grant, General Ulysses S., monuments honoring	1897, 1899, 1922
b. 4-5	Hudson, Henry [including Hudson-Fulton celebration and commemoration of the discovery of Lake Champlain]	1909
b. 5	Identification badges	1902-1916, 1933, 1940, 1967, undated
b. 5	Jamestown tercentennial	1907
b. 5	Liberty Bell	undated

Commemorative [including souvenirs] (continued)

b. 5	Maryland Memorial Day	1895
b. 5	Pan-American Exposition	1901
b. 5	Peace celebrations	1878, 1899
b. 5	Plymouth, Massachusetts tercentennial	1920-1921
Military		
b. 5	General	1896, 1901, 1912, 1915, undated
Wars		
b. 5	Napoleon III wars	1859, 1862-1863
b. 5	Spanish-American War	1898-1928
b. 10, 9, 6, 8, 7	World War I	1914-1918, undated
b. 10	World War II	1940-1945, undated
Countries		
b. 11, f. 14 - 21	Austria-Hungary	1854, 1867, 1889-1908, 1914-1918, undated
b. 11, f. 22	Belgium	1939-1946
b. 11, f. 23	Czechoslovakia	undated
b. 12, f. 24 - 25	France	1792, 1870-1871, undated
b. 12, f. 26 - 32	Germany [includes patches]	1934-1942, undated
b. 13, f. 33 - 35	Germany [includes patches]	1935-1940, undated
b. 13, f. 36	Great Britain	undated
b. 13, f. 37	Holland	undated
b. 13, f. 38 - 39	Italy	undated
b. 13	Loose materials	undated
b. 14	Organizations [including Elks, Shriners, A.F.L.-C.I.O., Red Cross, United Service Organizations, Hadassah, and others]	1876, 1899-1931, 1946-1950, undated

Personal collections

Personal collections (continued)

b. 15, 14	Morris, Charles G. [primarily materials associated with ice cream manufacturers]	1909-1922, undated
b. 15	Williams, C. B. [primarily commemorative materials]	1873-1919, undated
Political		
b. 15	Ajello-Eisenhower	1896, 1912, 1956, 1992, undated
b. 16	Ella-Lehman	1903, 1908, 1917, 1932, 1980, undated
b. 16	Lieberman-McKinley	1972, undated
b. 16	McKinley-Roosevelt, Franklin Delano	1974, 1984, undated
b. 17	Roosevelt, Franklin Delano	1938, 1940, undated
b. 17	Roosevelt, Theodore-Williams	1904-1905, 1928, undated
b. 19, 18	Willkie, Wendell	1940, undated
b. 19	Willkie, Wendell-Zelinsky, unidentified	1912, undated
b. 19	Social issues [includes women's suffrage, abortion, peace, the environment, homosexuality, and mental illness]	undated
b. 19	Yale University	1984, undated
b. 19-20	Fragile and oversized materials	1899-1909, undated
b. 21	Non-pin materials [buttons, coins, and jewelry]	1851-1864, 1899, 1908-1960, undated
Paper/Wood		
b. 22, f. 40	General	1937, undated
b. 22, f. 41	Commemorative	1889, 1937
Military		
b. 22, f. 42	"Goeben- und Breslau-Kameradschaft 4.-6. Juni 1932 in Wilhelmshaven" English	1932
b. 22, f. 43	Insignia of World War I	undated
b. 22, f. 44	Organizations [Red Cross]	1918

b. 22, f. 45	Political	1913, 1936, 1971-1972, 1987
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b. 22, f. 46	"Radio photo message...during period of nearest approach of Mars to the Earth"	1924 August
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Other materials

See: [Box 21](#)

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

Commemorative coins
Medals
Military decorations
Political collectibles
Souvenirs (Keepsakes)