

Guide to the Collection of Bookplates by Mark Severin

BKP 125



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: BKP 125

CREATOR: Severin, Mark F.

TITLE: Collection of Bookplates by Mark Severin

DATES: circa 1922-1963

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: This collection includes bookplates and other graphic works by Mark Severin (1906-1987), a Belgian artist and graphic designer.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.bkp.0125>

Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.bkp.0125>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Yale Bookplate Collection was formerly housed in Sterling Memorial Library. The collection was incorporated into the Arts of the Book Collection in 1984 and then moved to the Seeley G. Mudd Library in 1990. In 2011, it was transferred to the Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Copyright has not been transferred to Yale University.

Preferred Citation

Collection of Bookplates by Mark Severin, Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

The collection was removed from filing cabinets which housed bookplates by individual artists. Some materials included in this collection indicate the provenance of the following collectors or collections: Irene D. Andrews Pace, Warren Hiram Lowenhaupt, Harry D. Scammell, A. Bernard C. K. Keeves, and Baron Gunnar de Trönnberg.

Biographical / Historical

Mark Fernand Severin (1906-1987) was a Belgian artist and graphic designer, active mostly in England. He designed hundreds of bookplates, including many erotic ex-libris designs, as well as postage stamps, book illustrations, advertising posters, and other graphic works.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains the following materials: bookplates designed by Mark Severin (1906-1987) for a variety of patrons; bookplates designed for Severin by other artists; other graphic works by Severin, including several Christmas and New Year's greeting cards; and correspondence and ephemera by Severin or otherwise related to the collection, though unattached to specific bookplates.

Arrangement

Organized into four series: I. Bookplates by Severin. II. Bookplates by Other Artists for Severin. III. Other Works by Severin. IV. Correspondence and Ephemera.

Collection Contents

Series I: Bookplates by M. Severin

This series contains primarily bookplates for individuals, although a few institutional bookplates are also present. Multiple designs for the same patron are filed together, and most files are accompanied by typed notes, which identify artist's proofs and varying states, provide additional context from Severin's letters, etc.

Arranged alphabetically by patron name. Any correspondence or ephemeral materials relating to a specific bookplate are filed together with the bookplate.

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Anonymous [erotic plate] <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Anonymous [title vignette in a book about bookplates] <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Anonymous [group of nature lovers] <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 4 | John Abra <i>2 Items</i> | [1944] |
| b. 1, f. 5 | AK <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Amici Bibliothecae Universitatis Bruxellensis <i>2 Items</i> The folder also includes an original pencil sketch for this bookplate design. | undated |
| b. 1, f. 7 | City of Antwerp <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 8 | L. Asperslag <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Giorgio Balbi <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Banque Nationale de Belgique <i>3 Items</i> | 1942 |
| b. 1, f. 11 | E. Barnes <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Bastin [Castelli Spyensis] <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Jacques Beaupain <i>6 Items</i> This folder contains one armorial bookplate; four bookplates featuring a sailing ship superimposed with a woman's face (varying states); and a letter written by Jacques Beaupain to Warren Hiram Lowenhaupt, dated February 27, 1958. | 1958 undated |
| b. 1, f. 14 | M. Beernaerts <i>2 Items</i> | undated |

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| b. 1, f. 15 | Louis van der Berghe <i>4 Items</i> This folder contains a pencil-and-ink drawing for a maritime bookplate design as well as a two prints and a watercolor-and-pencil original sketch for a bookplate design featuring an okapi. | undated |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Berqueman <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Eric Vansittart Bowater <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 18 | British Museum Natural History Department <i>11 Items</i> This folder contains ten small pencil sketches, lettered b through k, and a letter concerning the design written by Severin to Mr. Rowlands, dated March 3, 1963. | 1963 |
| b. 1, f. 19 | W. D. Britt <i>6 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 20 | Carlo Bronne <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 21 | Y. de Brouwer, Duc in Attum <i>6 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 22 | M. Brumwell <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 23 | Lucy de Bruyne <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 24 | Louis Burgers <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 25 | Georgette Callebaut <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 26 | Valentin Le Champion <i>5 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 27 | Mary Churchill <i>2 Items</i> | [1945] |
| b. 1, f. 28 | C. K. <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 29 | Arlette de Clerq <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 30 | J. & S. de Clerq <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 31 | A. Le Clerq <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 32 | A. Clifford <i>2 Items</i> | undated |

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| b. 1, f. 33 | S. Cockerell <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 34 | Albert Collart <i>10 Items</i> | [1960], undated |
| b. 1, f. 35 | Rika Collart <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 36 | J. M. Collet <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 37 | Cooreman <i>3 Items</i> This folder contains a page from Severin's sketchbook that shows seven preliminary designs (six pencil, one watercolor) for the Cooreman bookplate, including an original sketch for the final design. | undated |
| b. 1, f. 38 | Lou Cosyn <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 39 | Maurice Crick <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 40 | Andre & Elaine Danis <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 41 | F. Delacre <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 42 | J & M Delwart <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 43 | A. & J. Devos <i>4 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 44 | Dr. Devisvanden Eeckhoudt <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 45 | H. Dirx <i>3 Items</i> This folder contains variations on an HD monogram design as well as a pictorial bookplate featuring a variety of bird species; Dirx was an avid bird watcher. | undated |
| b. 1, f. 46 | D. M. <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 47 | G. S. Dorman <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 48 | Dott-Nerone Santa Giuliana <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 49 | Helene Dubois <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 50 | F. Douglas <i>2 Items</i> | undated |

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| b. 1, f. 51 | H. Florin de Duikingberg <i>8 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 52 | J. Dumont <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 53 | Editiones des Artistes <i>3 Items</i> | 1943 undated |
| b. 1, f. 54 | Eggermont <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 55 | T. S. Eliot <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 56 | F. & B. Fenton <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 57 | Fruiter's Company <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 58 | Hugh and Joan Flower <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 59 | D. Flower <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 60 | M. P. J. Fontaines, E.C. <i>4 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 61 | J. Francois <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 62 | Jose Francois <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 63 | G.H.B. [C.H.B.] <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 64 | John Gartner <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 65 | Lea Geerlandt <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 66 | Girl Stella of Penzance <i>1 Item</i> This folder contains a bookplate designed for the library aboard the yacht, "Girl Stella." | 1936 |
| b. 1, f. 67 | W. J. Gotz <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 68 | Henri Goyens <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 69 | C. Grasemann <i>3 Items</i> | undated |

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| b. 1, f. 70 | Basil V. R. Greatrex <i>5 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 71 | Václav Grégr <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 72 | Guédroitz <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 73 | M. Hardy <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 74 | George Maclean and Margaret Dawson Hellyer <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 75 | Jacques Henricot <i>4 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 76 | J. B. Hepburn <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 77 | E. D'Hooghe <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 78 | Max Horn <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 79 | I. M. A. Irchonwelz <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 80 | Institute Pour La Recherche Scientifique En Afrique Centrale <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 81 | J. B. <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 82 | H. F. Jackson <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 83 | P. Janssens <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 84 | S. Jasinski <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 85 | Jesus College, Cambridge <i>4 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 86 | Allan Keen <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 87 | G. V. Lamboitte <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 88 | L. Leplae <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 89 | LePrince & Irene LePrince <i>3 Items</i> | undated |

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| b. 2, f. 90 | F. LePrince Jungbluth <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 91 | P. E. Lévy <i>8 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 92 | Claire and Francis Leys <i>2 Items</i> | circa 1922 |
| b. 2, f. 93 | Franz Leytens <i>5 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 94 | Jean Lummerzheim <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 95 | Fr. Luyckx <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 96 | Gima Gianni Mantero <i>6 Items</i> | 1947 undated |
| b. 2, f. 97 | Paul Marteau <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 98 | Frank Martin <i>9 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 99 | G. Martin <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 100 | R. Maton <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 101 | Marcel de Merre <i>1 Item</i> This folder contains a super ex-libris design that is a gold stamp on brown leather. | undated |
| b. 2, f. 102 | A. W. Miller <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 103 | James Moran <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 104 | Georges Neelmans <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 105 | Johannes Van Noten <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 106 | René Pechère <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 107 | A. Pelckmans <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 108 | Bryan S. Potter <i>2 Items</i> | undated |

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| b. 2, f. 109 | Kristen Rasmussen <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 110 | Emmerick Reumert <i>5 Items</i> | [1953] |
| b. 2, f. 111 | Claude Rolin <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 112 | A. Rousseau <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 113 | Anthony Picton Saunders-Davies <i>1 Item</i> | 1933 |
| b. 2, f. 114 | A. Saverys <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 115 | John Schwencke <i>5 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 2, f. 116 | Lawrence H. Seccombe <i>7 Items</i> | 1937 undated |
| b. 2, f. 116a | Lawrence H. Seccombe <i>1 Item</i> Includes engraved woodblock for bee-keeping bookplate of Lawrence H. Seccombe. | undated |
| b. 3, f. 117 | Severin's Early Ex-Libris <i>11 items</i> | undated |
| b. 3, f. 118 | Mark F. Severin <i>25 Items</i> This folder also contains bookplates designed by Mark Severin for his wife, Nina. | 1941 undated |
| b. 3, f. 119 | Simonson Libraire Bruxelles <i>1 Item</i> This is a design for a bookseller's label. | undated |
| b. 3, f. 120 | J. Frederick Smith <i>5 Items</i> | [1951] undated |
| b. 3, f. 121 | Société Générale de Belgique <i>3 Items</i> This folder contains two artist's proofs as well as a pencil drawing of the larger version of this armorial ex-libris design. | undated |
| b. 3, f. 122 | A. R. Solly <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 3, f. 123 | O. Solvay <i>2 Items</i> | [1958] |
| b. 3, f. 124 | Southern Railway Staff Training College <i>2 Items</i> | undated |

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| b. 3, f. 125 | Fernand Spaak <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 3, f. 126 | André de Staercke <i>8 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 3, f. 127 | J. van der Stricht <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 3, f. 128 | J. Theunis <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 3, f. 129 | A. C. Ward <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 3, f. 130 | Hilda Wiener <i>1 Item</i> This folder only contains a photographic reproduction of Severin's ex-libris design for Mrs. Wiener. | undated |
| b. 3, f. 131 | Barclay and Isobel Wiggins <i>2 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 3, f. 132 | Lilian & John Wilkinson <i>1 Item</i> | undated |
| b. 3, f. 133 | W. W. Winkworth <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 3, f. 134 | M. & C. Wolfers <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 3, f. 135 | E. Young <i>3 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 3, f. 136 | W. Zwiers <i>1 Item</i> | undated |

Series II: Bookplates by Other Artists for Severin

This series contains bookplates designed for Severin by other artists. It includes works by: B. Bramanti, T. Buckland Wright, Cecil Keeling, A. Decaris, Ernst Gohlert, Anton Vermeyten, Valentin Le Campion, Ruda Gajdos, Italo Zetti, Lucharsky, Frank Martin, and G. Gandaen.

Arranged according to the accompanying checklist.

b. 3, f. 137

Bookplates by Other Artists for Severin
31 Items

[1941] 1963
undated

Series III: Other Works by Severin

This series contains other graphic work by Severin, including a birth announcement; an MS monogram design; a map of Uccle, Belgium; and several Christmas and New Year's greeting cards.

Arranged according to the accompanying checklist.

b. 3, f. 138

Other Work by Severin
33 Items

1936-1937 1958-
1962 undated

Series IV: Correspondence and Ephemera

This series contains eight letters from Severin to Irene D. Andrews Pace, dating from 1947 to 1959, and six letters from Severin to Warren Hiram Lowenhaupt, dating from 1954 to 1962. In addition, the series also contains exchange cards and various checklists of Severin's work (including lists generated and annotated by Severin himself).

b. 3, f. 139

Severin Correspondence and Ephemera

1947-1962
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

Bookplates

Genres / Formats

Bookplates

Names

Severin, Mark F.