

Guide to the Collection of Bookplates by John W. Evans

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: BKP 127

TITLE: Collection of Bookplates by John W. Evans

DATES: 1917-1942

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: This collection includes bookplates designed by John W. Evans (1855-1943), a master wood engraver born in Brooklyn, NY.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.bkp.0127>

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.0127>.

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 John W. Evans, Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

The collection was removed from filing cabinets which housed bookplates by individual artists.

Biographical / Historical

John William Evans (1855-1943) was an American engraver and graphic artist born in Brooklyn, NY. A master wood engraver, Evans created reproductions of famous paintings and other works to illustrate magazines such as *Century*, *Harper's*, and *Scribner's*. In "retirement," Evans took up bookplate design. His award-winning wood engraving was exhibited in the Paris Exposition of 1900, the Chicago Exposition of 1903, and the Panama Exposition of 1915. Evans had close associations with other bookplate artists, including Timothy Cole and William Fowler Hopson, who was Evans's brother-in-law. He was also a longtime and active member of the Freemasons.

Reference: "John W. Evans, at 84, Still Active Master of Wood Engraving Craft," *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, February 20, 1938.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a number of bookplates designed by John W. Evans (1855-1943), a master wood engraver born in Brooklyn, NY. The bookplates were designed primarily for private individuals, including several for his friends and family. The collection also includes four woodblocks for Evans's bookplate designs and a letter written by Evans to his sister, Ada Hopson.

Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Bookplates. II. Correspondence and Ephemera. III. Woodblocks.

Collection Contents

Series I: Bookplates

Arranged numerically, according to accompanying checklist.

b. 1, f. 1	#1. Alice Ritchie <i>5 Items</i>	1939
b. 1, f. 2	#2. Noël and Alma Lewis <i>10 items</i>	1939
b. 1, f. 3	#3. Joan Hutzelman <i>2 Items</i>	1938
b. 1, f. 4	#4. Robert A. Hutzelman, Jr. <i>2 Items</i>	1938-1939
b. 1, f. 5	#5. Edna Huntington <i>2 Items</i>	1937
b. 1, f. 6	#6. Agatha Palumbo <i>2 Items</i>	1938
b. 1, f. 7	#7. Arthur A. Bourgeois <i>2 Items</i>	1939
b. 1, f. 8	#8. John W. Evans <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 9	#9. Randolph Macon Women's College (Louise Jordan Smith) <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 10	#10. Johanna Erika Ruthven von Tiling <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 11	#11. (Christmas Greetings and Good Health) <i>1 Item</i>	1927
b. 1, f. 12	#13. W. F. Hopson <i>5 Items</i>	193 undated
b. 1, f. 13	#15. Cornelia Eames and Frank Dell Anthony <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 14	#16. Timothy Cole <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 15	#17. James Harrison Wilson <i>1 Item</i>	1917
b. 1, f. 16	#18. Alice and Edmond Kiechlin <i>1 Item</i>	1939
b. 1, f. 17	#19. J. Foster Mech <i>2 Items</i>	undated

b. 1, f. 18	#20. George Hope Ryder <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 19	#21. Elizabeth and Edmund Pope <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 20	#22. Evalyn Evans Lindars <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 21	#23. Edna May Lindars <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 22	#24. George Albert Simons <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 23	#25. Clara S. T. Wayland <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 24	#26. Ann Burg <i>1 Item</i>	1939
b. 1, f. 25	#27. Therese, Rosemary, and John W. Evans, Jr. <i>1 Item</i>	1939
b. 1, f. 26	#28. Evan Evans <i>1 Item</i>	[1938?]
b. 1, f. 27	#29. Gordon Evans <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 28	#30. Audubon Club of Erasmus High School <i>2 Items</i>	1919 undated
b. 1, f. 29	#31. (Lakeside Etching) <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 30	#32. (Holiday Greetings) <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 31	#33. Evelyn and Jack Henry <i>1 Item</i>	1938
b. 1, f. 32	#34. Charles and Edith Gaynor <i>1 Item</i>	1939
b. 1, f. 33	#35. Felix Gordon Evans <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 34	#36. Edna May and Robert A. Hutzelman <i>1 Item</i>	1938
b. 1, f. 35	#37. John W. Evans, Jr. <i>2 Items</i>	1917 undated
b. 1, f. 36	#38. Theo. A. Taylor <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 37	#39. John W. Evans <i>2 Items</i>	1919

b. 1, f. 38	#40. Ind. W. Lindars <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 39	#41. (Grampy's Tree) <i>2 Items</i> This folder includes an illustration for a Christmas / New Year's greeting card.	1942 undated
b. 1, f. 40	#42. Wm. and Ada Hopson <i>2 Items</i>	1941

Series II: Correspondence and Ephemera

b. 1, f. 41	Correspondence and Ephemera <i>3 Items</i> The folder contains the following: a piece of correspondence between John W. Evans and Ada Hopson (undated); a newspaper article about John W. Evans published in the <i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> , February 20, 1938; and a handwritten checklist of the materials in the collection.	1938 undated
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Series III: Wood blocks

b. 1, f. 42	Evans bookplate for Mrs. W.F.H.; wood engraving. <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 43	Evans wood block bookplate for W.F.H. <i>3 Items</i>	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, American
Wood-engraving

Genres / Formats

Bookplates
Wood blocks (printing blocks)

Names

Evans, John William, 1855-1943