

Guide to the Collection of Bookplates by William Edgar Fisher

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: BKP 96

CREATOR: Fisher, William Edgar, 1872-

TITLE: Collection of Bookplates by William Edgar Fisher

DATES: 1898-1961

BULK DATES: 1900-1947

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.83 linear feet (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: This collection contains bookplates by William Edgar Fisher. Many of these bookplates, which were designed for both individual and institutional patrons, are prints signed and numbered by the artist; many are hand-colored as well. The collection also includes some correspondence by Fisher as well as letters exchanged by later collectors of his work.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.bkp.0096>

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.0096>.

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 William Edgar Fisher, Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

The collection was removed from filing cabinets which housed bookplates by individual artists. It includes materials indicating the provenance of the following collectors: Irene D. Andrews Pace; Warren Hiram Lowenhaupt; Mrs. Smith, Gift of 1959; and Dr. Alfred Brown.

Biographical / Historical

William Edgar Fisher (1872-1956) was born in Wellsville, NY. He studied at Cornell and the Art Institute of Chicago, focusing on architecture and particularly on draughtsmanship. He operated a studio in Fargo, ND, and designed nearly 200 ex-libris between 1898 and 1947. He was a member of the American Society of Bookplate Collectors & Designers and published five portfolios of bookplates.

References:

Bowdoin, W. G. "American Designers of Book-Plates: Wm. Edgar Fisher." In *Book-Plates of To-Day*, edited by Wilbur Macey Stone, 3-8. New York: Tonnelé & Company, 1902.

"Fisher, William Edgar." In volume I of *Who Was Who in American Art, 1564-1975: 400 Years of Artists in America*, edited by Peter Hastings Falk. Madison, CT: Sound View Press, 1999.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains bookplates by William Edgar Fisher. These are arranged chronologically according to a checklist published in *The Second Year Book of the American Bookplate Society* (1920). Many of these bookplates, which were designed for both individual and institutional patrons, are prints signed and numbered by the artist; many are hand-colored as well. The collection also includes some correspondence by Fisher as well as letters exchanged by later collectors of his work.

Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Numbered Bookplates. II. Correspondence and Ephemera.

Collection Contents

Series I: Numbered Bookplates

b. 1, f. 1	#3: Winifred Knight <i>1 Item</i>	1898
b. 1, f. 2	#4: Stanley Shepard <i>1 Item</i>	1899
b. 1, f. 3	#7: Silvanus Macy, Jr. <i>2 Items</i>	1899
b. 1, f. 4	#8: Wm. Edgar Fisher <i>2 Items</i>	1899
b. 1, f. 5	#9: Edna B. Stockhouse <i>1 Item</i>	1899
b. 1, f. 6	#15: Lula Thomas Wear <i>2 Items</i>	1900
b. 1, f. 7	#17: Elizabeth Langdon <i>1 Item</i>	1900
b. 1, f. 8	#19 & #19A: John Charles Gage <i>3 Items</i>	1900
b. 1, f. 9	#21: Samuel H. Hudson <i>2 Items</i>	1900
b. 1, f. 10	#22: John Eliot Richards <i>1 Item</i>	1900
b. 1, f. 11	#28: Sara Grace Ball <i>1 Item</i>	1900
b. 1, f. 12	#29: Maie Bruce Douglas <i>1 Item</i>	1900
b. 1, f. 13	#31: Peyton C. Crenshaw <i>4 Items</i>	1900
b. 1, f. 14	#34: Mary N. Lewis <i>3 Items</i>	1900
b. 1, f. 15	#38: From the Library of the Studio Club <i>2 Items</i>	1901
b. 1, f. 16	#39: William Chauncey Langdon <i>2 Items</i>	1901
b. 1, f. 17	#44: Geo. H. Phelps <i>1 Item</i>	1901
b. 1, f. 18	#54: Adeline Cameron <i>2 Items</i>	1901

b. 1, f. 19	#55: TFF [T. Frank Fisher] <i>1 Item</i>	1901
b. 1, f. 20	#60: William Edmund Ramsay <i>3 Items</i>	1902
b. 1, f. 21	#61: David S. Calhoun <i>2 Items</i>	1902
b. 1, f. 22	#62: Walter Williams Wait <i>1 Item</i>	1902
b. 1, f. 23	#65: Elizabeth Fitch Crane <i>10 items</i>	1902
b. 1, f. 24	#71: Norman Day Otis <i>4 Items</i>	1902
b. 1, f. 25	#72: Harry Bradley <i>4 Items</i>	1902
b. 1, f. 26	#76: Florence O'Neill <i>5 Items</i>	1903
b. 1, f. 27	#77: Peter Bentz Smith <i>3 Items</i>	1903
b. 1, f. 28	#80: Eugene J. de Lendreçie <i>4 Items</i>	1903
b. 1, f. 29	#81: Snap Dragon Library The Lady Mary from S. D. <i>3 Items</i>	1903
b. 1, f. 30	#82: William Edgar Fisher <i>4 Items</i>	1903
b. 1, f. 31	#83: Robert Steele Lewis <i>4 Items</i>	1903
b. 1, f. 32	#84: James Orton Shepard <i>5 Items</i>	1903
b. 1, f. 33	#86: Helen Camp Curtis <i>3 Items</i>	1903
b. 1, f. 34	#88A: James S. Goldsmith <i>5 Items</i>	1903
b. 1, f. 35	#92: Louis J. Goldsmith <i>5 Items</i>	1904
b. 1, f. 36	#93: Justine Mann <i>8 Items</i>	1904
b. 1, f. 37	#94 & #94A: Luella May Compton <i>9 Items</i>	1904
b. 1, f. 38	#99: Horace Edsell Peck <i>1 Item</i>	1904

b. 1, f. 39	#100: Willet Ward <i>5 Items</i>	1904
b. 1, f. 40	#103: Kemper Hall <i>1 Item</i>	1905
b. 1, f. 41	#105: Wheaton Hale Brewer <i>3 Items</i>	1905
b. 1, f. 42	#107: Samuel Herbert McVitty <i>6 Items</i>	1905
b. 1, f. 43	#108: Anna Cora Stone <i>7 Items</i>	1905
b. 1, f. 44	#110: Olive Thorne Miller <i>5 Items</i>	1905
b. 1, f. 45	#111: Nannie Lamberton Wilbur <i>6 Items</i>	1906
b. 1, f. 46	#115: S. LeC. F. <i>6 Items</i>	1906
b. 1, f. 47	#117: Arnold Broyles & Frances Divine Broyles <i>4 Items</i>	1906
b. 1, f. 48	#119: William Winters Knight & Edna Ford Knight <i>3 Items</i>	1906
b. 1, f. 49	#120: Fannie H. Knox, Marjorie Reltving <i>7 items (2 Knox; 5 Reltving)</i>	1906
b. 1, f. 50	#122: The Wadsworth Library Geneseo, NY <i>5 Items</i>	1907
b. 1, f. 51	#123: Cameron Mann <i>3 Items</i>	1907
b. 1, f. 52	#124: Eli L. Sanger <i>5 Items</i>	1907
b. 1, f. 53	#125: William Augustus Brewer <i>8 Items</i>	1907
b. 1, f. 54	#126: Alice B. McCutcheon <i>2 Items</i>	1907
b. 1, f. 55	#127: George Xavier McLanahan & Caroline Duer McLanahan <i>5 Items</i>	1908
b. 1, f. 56	#129: Theodora N. McCutcheon <i>3 Items</i>	1908
b. 1, f. 57	#130: Samuel Bradford Knight & Della Hood Knight <i>4 Items</i>	1908
b. 1, f. 58	#131: Gilbert Stuart McClintock <i>3 Items</i>	1909

b. 1, f. 59	#132: Nannie Huttig & Holmes Huttig <i>3 Items</i>	1909
b. 1, f. 60	#134: The Library of Bowdoin College Gift of Class of 1882 <i>4 Items</i>	1909
b. 1, f. 61	#135: William McLauchlan <i>5 Items</i>	1909
b. 1, f. 62	#137: Caswell Wheeler Stoddard <i>2 Items</i>	1911
b. 1, f. 63	#138: Bowdoin College Library <i>1 Item</i>	1912
b. 1, f. 64	#139: A. R. M. S. [Alice Rose Morton Simmons] <i>2 Items</i>	1913
b. 1, f. 65	#141: Harry Lockwood Ransom & Mildred Forsythe Ransom <i>2 Items</i>	1913
b. 1, f. 66	#142: St. John's University Shanghai Low Library <i>1 Item</i>	1913
b. 1, f. 67	#145: Samuel W. Bowne <i>2 Items</i>	1913
b. 1, f. 68	#147: Stowell LeCain Fisher <i>2 Items</i>	1914
b. 1, f. 69	#148: William Edgar Fisher <i>3 Items</i>	1914
b. 1, f. 70	#149: Helen Duke <i>4 Items</i>	1915
b. 1, f. 71	#152: St. Katharine's School Davenport, Iowa <i>1 Item</i>	1917
b. 1, f. 72	#156: Justine <i>3 Items</i>	1920
b. 1, f. 73	#159: Eleanor Ter Bush <i>2 Items</i>	1920
b. 1, f. 74	#160: Arthur Newton Pack <i>2 Items</i>	1921
b. 2, f. 75	#162: Mary H. Robinson <i>2 Items</i>	1922
b. 2, f. 76	#163: The Library of the University of Rochester <i>2 Items</i>	1922
b. 2, f. 77	#165: Ada L. Comstock <i>5 Items</i>	1924
b. 2, f. 78	#166: Herbert Godfrey Edwards <i>3 Items</i>	1924

b. 2, f. 79	#168: Edward G. Miner <i>4 Items</i>	1926
b. 2, f. 80	#169: Edward G. Miner Fund The University of Rochester Library <i>5 Items</i>	1926
b. 2, f. 81	#170: Vera H. Hoff <i>1 Item</i>	1926
b. 2, f. 82	#172: Leod D. Becker <i>3 Items</i>	1927
b. 2, f. 83	#173: Daniel Magee Beach, Jr. <i>4 Items</i>	1927
b. 2, f. 84	#174: Library of Princeton University In Memory of Charles Richard Williams <i>5 Items</i>	1928
b. 2, f. 85	#175: The Bishop's Library South Florida Gift of Cameron Mann <i>5 Items</i>	1929
b. 2, f. 86	#178: Florence MacLeod <i>3 Items</i>	1930
b. 2, f. 87	#180: The University of Rochester Library From the Raymond N. Ball Fund <i>6 Items</i>	1931
b. 2, f. 88	#181: Herbert Hollands & Bertha C. Hollands <i>5 Items</i>	1931
b. 2, f. 89	#183: Betty Pellet <i>5 Items</i>	1932
b. 2, f. 90	#184: Maxwell E. Lapham <i>4 Items</i>	1933
b. 2, f. 91	#186: Logan Clendening <i>3 Items</i>	1934
b. 2, f. 92	#187: Smith College Library Gift of the Class of 1898 <i>2 Items</i>	1939
b. 2, f. 93	#188: The University of Rochester Library In Memory of Donald Bean Gilchrist Librarian 1919-1939 <i>5 Items</i>	1940
b. 2, f. 94	#190: Lewis Henry Thornton, II <i>1 Item</i>	1941
b. 2, f. 95	#191: Lewis Henry Thornton <i>3 Items</i>	1942
b. 2, f. 96	#192: Rosalie Alice Norman <i>2 Items</i>	1943
b. 2, f. 97	#193: Corwin Black <i>2 Items</i>	1944

b. 2, f. 98	#194: Library of the University of Virginia In Memory of Clinton McClarty Harbison, A.B. '42 and John Henry Neff, A.B. '42 <i>2 Items</i>	1945
b. 2, f. 99	#195: James Thornton & Sarah Hawkes Thornton <i>2 Items</i>	1946
b. 2, f. 100	#196: University of Virginia Alderman Library The International Studies Collection <i>2 Items</i>	1946
b. 2, f. 101	#197: Julius H. Fisher & Miriam T. Fisher <i>2 Items</i>	1947
b. 2, f. 102	#198: V. P. T. [Virginia Pierson Thornton] <i>4 Items</i>	1947
b. 2, f. 103	#199: Jane Hawkes Thornton <i>3 Items</i>	1947

Series II: Correspondence and Ephemera

b. 2, f. 104

Correspondence and Ephemera
13 Items

1906-1961

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 -- Specimens.

Genres / Formats

Bookplates

Names

Andrews, Irene Dwen, 1892-

Fisher, William Edgar, 1872-

Lowenhaupt, Warren Hiram, 1891-1967