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Collection Summary

Repository: Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

Creator: Groten, Arthur H. (collector)

Title: Arthur H. Groten Poster Stamp Collection

Dates: approximately 1900-1985

Quantity: 3 cubic feet (15 boxes)

Abstract: Fourteen albums of poster stamps, arranged roughly alphabetically by country, with a final volume at the end with the stamps of Ludwig Hohlwein. Also includes two volumes of matchbox labels.

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Note about Poster Stamps

Poster stamps were introduced in the late 19th century in Europe, soon after the invention of the postage stamp. They are larger than postage stamps, were frequently issued for commemorative events or exhibitions, but also used for commercial purposes and propaganda.

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Scope and Content Note

Fourteen albums of poster stamps, arranged roughly alphabetically by country, with a final volume at the end with the stamps of Ludwig Hohlwein. Also includes two volumes of matchbox labels. One of the matchbox label volumes is a thin paper folder with containing just one label.

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Access and Use

Access

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Restrictions on Use

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Subject Headings

Document Types:

- Matchbooks
- Poster stamps

VCL Categories:

- Art and Artists
- Stamps

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Laura Streett, December 2014. Last updated by Emma Gronbeck, October 2024.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Arthur H. Groten Poster Stamp Collection, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Processed by Laura Streett, September 2014.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Arthur Groten, August 2014 and December 2017.

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Container List

Box 1 Wiener Werkstatte, undated

Box 1 Austria, undated

Box 1 Belgium, undated

Box 1 Czechoslovakia, undated

Box 1 France, undated

Box 2 Germany, artists A - P, undated

Box 3 Germany, artists P - Z, undated

Box 3 Germany, Die Sechs exhibitions, undated

Box 4 Germany, commercial and other miscellaneous stamps, undated

- Box 5 Great Britain, undated
- Box 5 Hungary, undated
- Box 5 Italy, artists A - M, undated
- Box 6 Italy, artists N - Z, undated
- Box 6 Italy, commercial and other miscellaneous stamps, undated
- Box 6 Netherlands, undated
- Box 6 Portugal, undated
- Box 6 Russia, undated
- Box 7 Scandinavia, undated
- Box 7 Spain, undated
- Box 7 Switzerland, undated
- Box 7 Balkans, undated
- Box 7 Baltics, undated
- Box 7 19th century exhibitions, undated
- Box 8 United States, undated
- Box 8 Miscellaneous, including stamps from events and geographic locations, commercial stamps, and stamps about poster stamps, undated
- Box 9 Ludwig Hohlwein, undated
- Box 9 Matchbox covers, undated [1 item]
- Box 10 Austria, undated
- Box 10 Belgium, undated
- Box 10 Czechoslovakia, undated
- Box 10 France, undated
- Box 11 Germany, undated
- Box 12 Great Britain, undated
- Box 13 Hungary, undated
- Box 13 Italy, undated
- Box 13 Netherlands, undated
- Box 13 Scandinavia, undated
- Box 14 Spain, undated
- Box 14 Switzerland, undated
- Box 14 United States, undated
- Box 14 Miscellaneous, undated

Box
15 Matchbox covers, undated

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