



Newport Historical Society

Guide to the Collection of Holiday and Greeting Cards, 1854 – 2000

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Descriptive Summary

<i>Collection Identifier</i>	MS.1854.3
<i>Title</i>	Collection of Holiday and Greeting Cards
<i>Creator</i>	Newport Historical Society Robson, Lloyd Warren, Emily
<i>Date</i>	1854 – 2000
<i>Extent</i>	2 boxes

Historical Note

This collection has been minimally processed and added to over the years. Past staff has amassed these cards and saved them in boxes with little organization. It appears that a majority of the cards came from donations made by Emily Warren and Lloyd Robson, although the donations were unrecorded together.

Scope and Content

This is a collection of hundreds of greeting cards organized by holiday when possible. They feature many different types of greeting cards including mass produced and handmade cards.

Organization

This collection is arranged in one series. Because dates of the greeting cards are difficult to predict and due to the size of the collection, it was decided to not arrange the cards chronological or record dates for each folder. Any card can be easily located by browsing a particular holiday's folder.

Subject Access

People

Carry, Marion
Robson, Lloyd
Vanderbilt family
Warren, Emily

Organizations

Fox Hill Farm
Newport Historical Society
Preservation Society of Newport County
Redwood Library and Athenaeum

Subjects Christmas cards
Greeting cards
Valentines

Form/Genre birthday cards
Christmas cards
correspondence
Easter cards
greeting cards
New Year cards
postcards
valentines

Access and Use

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Administrative Information

<i>Processor</i>	Processed by Stacie Parillo, February 19 2013.
<i>Descriptive Rules</i>	Finding aid based on <i>Describing Archives: A Content Standard</i> (DACS)
<i>Accession Info</i>	Collected by the Newport Historical Society from various sources, 1854-2000
	Accession Number: 1854.3

Inventory

Series 01: Greeting and Holiday Cards, 1854 – 2000

Arranged chronologically by holiday's appearance in the calendar year with undated or variant holidays at the end.

File 01.001: New Year's Cards

Greeting cards that focus solely on celebrating the New Year. The cards are unsorted in the folder.

File 01.002: Valentine's Day Cards

Unsorted Valentine's Day Cards. Many are handmade of paper lace and printed elements.

File 01.003: Easter Cards

Unsorted cards that focus on the Easter holiday.

File 01.004: Thanksgiving Cards

File 01.005: Christmas Cards

Unsorted mass produced Christmas Cards that are personally addressed. Many of these cards are from the personal collection of Emily Warren.

File 01.006: Christmas Cards

Unsorted mass produced Christmas Cards that are personally addressed.

File 01.007: Christmas Cards: Businesses and Local Organizations

Unsorted Christmas Cards from other organizations, including the Preservation Society of Newport County, the Redwood Library and other institutions.

File 01.008: Christmas Cards: Handmade or Block Printed

Unsorted Christmas Cards that have been hand drawn or printed via a block. Many of these cards were created by Marion Carry.

File 01.009: Christmas Cards: Photographic

Unsorted Christmas Cards that feature a photograph.

File 01.010: Christmas Cards: Postcard

Unsorted holiday postcards.

File 01.011: Christmas Cards: Fox Hill Farm

Christmas cards from the family of Fox Hill Farms.

File 01.012: Christmas Cards: Lloyd Robson

Christmas cards made by or for Lloyd Robson.

File 01.013: Christmas Cards: Emily Warren's Scrapbook

These cards were harvested from Emily Warren's scrapbook of Christmas Cards. The cards were removed from the scrapbook for preservation reasons.

File 01.014: Birth Announcements and Birthday Cards

Unsorted birthday cards and birth announcements.

File 01.015: Blank Cards and Non-Event Cards

Unsorted cards that do not focus specifically on a particular holiday or have no message to the recipient.