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Descriptive Summary

Collection Number

C0317

Date

1904-2010

Language

Collection is primarily in English. Some postcard messages are in Swedish.

Abstract

This collection contains postcards of churches of many Christian denominations from the United States and Canada.

Creator

Teigen, Philip M., 9999-9999

Extent

3.0 linear ft.

Repository

George Mason University. Libraries.Special Collections Research Center.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions on personal use. Permission to publish material from the Phil Teigen North American churches postcard collection must be obtained from the Special Collections Research Center, George Mason University Libraries.

Acquisition Information

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Historical note

Immigrants from Europe and Asia brought a wide variety of Christian beliefs to North America. As Peter Williams notes, "The pluralism of America's religious experience is a given from the beginnings, first for the colonial settlements in aggregate, then later in virtually every town, city, and state" ("Houses of God", xii). He goes on to describe how these many religious groups impacted the built environment as they came "in succeeding waves of immigration, each bringing with them and/or adapting for their own purposes a wide variety of types of houses of worship and other sacred sites and structures" ("Houses of God," xii). This diversity of religious architecture is reflected in material commemorative culture, including through postcards.

Scope and Content note

This collection contains postcards from churches of many denominations across the United States and Canada. The postcards date from 1904-2010, although many are undated. The processor included undated in the date range for a series or box if it seemed likely that some of the postcards in the group date from outside the given range. More than half of the postcards depict Lutheran churches; there are also many postcards of Roman Catholic churches and Episcopal churches, as well as other Christian denominations. The postcards are organized by denomination and alphabetically by state (sometimes city), as well as whether they depict church interiors or exteriors.

Series 1: Lutheran churches, 1904-2010 (Boxes 1-7) includes postcards of Lutheran churches from the United States and Canada. It is divided into two subseries, Lutheran church exteriors and Lutheran church interiors.

Series 2: Roman Catholic churches, 1907-1995 (Boxes 8-10) includes postcards of Roman Catholic churches across the United States and Canada.

Series 3: Episcopal churches, 1908-1983, undated (Boxes 10-11) includes postcards of Episcopal churches across the United States and Canada.

Series 4: Other denominations, 1908-2000 (Boxes 11-12) is the smallest series, and includes postcards of a variety of churches, including Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Orthodox, and other denominations, as well as non-denominational.

Related Material

The Special Collections Research Center also holds the [Gustav Klemp German World War I collection](#), which contains postcards from a German World War I medic.

Index Terms

Subjects:

Catholic church buildings.

Church buildings.

Lutheran church buildings

Document Types:

Postcards.

Bibliography

Williams, Peter W. "Houses of God: Region, Religion, and Architecture in the United States." Urbana/Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 1997.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into four series by denomination. Within Series 1-3, postcards are organized alphabetically by state or province.

- Series 1: Lutheran churches, 1904-1910 (Boxes 1-7)
- Series 2: Roman Catholic churches, 1907-1995 (Boxes 8-10)
- Series 3: Episcopal churches, 1908-1983, undated (Boxes 10-11)
- Series 4: Other denominations, 1908-2000 (Boxes 11-12)

Contents List

A detailed inventory of individual postcards in the collection can be found here: [Postcard Inventory](#)

Series 1: Lutheran churches,

Unit Date 1904-2010 (Boxes 1-7)

Scope and Content

This series contains postcards of Lutheran churches. It is divided into two subseries: Lutheran church exteriors and Lutheran church interiors.

Subseries 1.1: Lutheran church exteriors,

Unit Date 1904-2010

Alabama-Indiana,

Unit Date 1905-2001

Container 1 (Box)

Iowa-Minnesota,

Unit Date 1904-1988

Container 2 (Box)

Minnesota,

Unit Date 1907-1986

Container 3 (Box)

Mississippi-Ohio,

Unit Date 1906-1977, undated

Container 4 (Box)

Ohio-South Carolina,

Unit Date 1905-2010

Container 5 (Box)

South Dakota-Wisconsin,

Unit Date 1906-1999

Container 6 (Box)

Wisconsin-Wyoming,

Unit Date 1907-1967, undated

Container 7 (Box)

Subseries 1.2: Lutheran church interiors,

Unit Date 1906-2000

Alabama-Wisconsin

Alabama-Wisconsin,

Unit Date 1906-2000

Container 7 (Box)

Series 2: Roman Catholic churches,

Unit Date 1907-1995 (Boxes 8-10)

Scope and Content

This series includes postcards of Roman Catholic churches across the United States and Canada.

Alabama-Massachusetts,

Unit Date 1907-1986

Container 8 (Box)

Scope and Content

Also includes unknown at beginning

Michigan-Pennsylvania,

Unit Date 1907-1989

Container 9 (Box)

Prince Edward Island - Wyoming,

Unit Date 1907-1995

Container 10 (Box)

Series 3: Episcopal churches,

Unit Date 1908-1983, undated (Boxes 10-11)

Scope and Content

This series includes postcards of Episcopal churches across the United States and Canada.

Alabama-New York,

Unit Date 1908-1983, undated

Container 10 (Box)

North Carolina-Wyoming,

Unit Date 1910-1976, undated

Container 11 (Box)

Series 4: Other denominations, 1908-2000 (Boxes 11-12)

Scope and Content

This is the smallest series, and includes postcards of a variety of churches, including Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Orthodox, and other denominations, as well as non-denominational.

African Methodist Episcopal churches,

Unit Date circa 1960s-1970s

Container 11 (Box)

Baptist churches,

Unit Date 1953-1983, undated

Container 11 (Box)

Churches of the Brethren,

Unit Date circa 1950s-1983

Container 11 (Box)

Christian churches,

Unit Date 1957-1977, undated

Container 11 (Box)

Christian Science churches,

Unit Date 1934-1962

Container 11 (Box)

College and university non-denominational churches,

Unit Date circa 1960s-1970s

Container 11 (Box)

Community churches,

Unit Date circa 1950s-1970s

Container 11 (Box)

Congregational churches,

Unit Date 1908-1986

Container 11 (Box)

Evangelical and Reformed churches,

Unit Date 1910-1974, undated

Container 11 (Box)

Mennonite churches,

Unit Date 1964

Container 11 (Box)

Methodist churches - Alabama-Missouri,

Unit Date 1920-1990

Container 11 (Box)

Methodist churches - Montana-Wyoming,

Unit Date 1908-circa 1970s, undated

Container 12 (Box)

Military churches,

Unit Date 1953-1977, undated

Container 12 (Box)

Assemblies of God, Nazarene, Moravian, etc. churches,

Unit Date 1952-1954, undated

Container 12 (Box)

Non-denominational churches,

Unit Date 1908-1990

Container 12 (Box)

Orthodox churches,

Unit Date 1959-1973, undated

Container 12 (Box)

Presbyterian churches,

Unit Date 1908-2000

Container 12 (Box)

Unitarian/Universalist churches,

Unit Date 1936-1970, undated

Container 12 (Box)

United Church of Christ,

Unit Date 1956-1992, undated

Container 12 (Box)