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Mss. 79 G82

Unit ID

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Unit Date

circa 1858-2960

Language

English

Extent

7 Linear Feet 9 boxes: 5 records center cartons, 2 card file boxes, and 2 boxes of printing blocks.

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Scope and Contents

Notebooks of clippings, illustrations, and blueprints relating to printing and presses in the United States and card files kept by Ralph Green. The notebooks concern presses from Patent Office records, photographs and engravings of presses, amateur and hobby printing, and samples of Green's printing.

Keywords

Notebooks

Printing--History

Block printing -- 20th century

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Notebooks and Records

Unit ID id155409

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492239

Scope and Contents

21 notebooks of clippings, illustrations, blueprints relating to printing and presses in the U.S.; 2 card files of notes kept by Ralph Green.

Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498099

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Language English

Vol. 1: "Early Wood"

Unit ID id155411

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492242

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Mounted illustrations, clippings, photographs, etc. of Gutenberg, Blaeu, and other early presses. 56 leaves. "Detailed plans of Moxon's Blaeu press... with structural analysis..." (blueprint drawing, scale 1 1/2' foot), leave 29-37. "The Common English wood hand printing press, circa 1800" (with four drawings), leaves 38-42.

Vol. 2: Patent records relating to early American presses

Unit ID id155413

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492243

Unit Date 1813-1858

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Original or photocopied pages from Patent Office records, relating to early American presses. 121 leaves.

Vol. 3: Untitled

Unit ID id155414

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492244

Unit Date 1858-1872

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

98 leaves.

Vol. 4: Untitled

Unit ID id155416

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492245

Unit Date 1872-1937

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

106 leaves.

Vol. 5: "Gordon Presses"

Unit ID id155418

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492246

Unit Date 1858-1940

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Photographs, advertisements, manufacturer's announcements, etc., 1858-1940, relating to the Gordon press and its imitators, with notes and descriptions by R. G. and others. 36 leaves.

Vol. 6: "Hand Presses"

Unit ID id155421

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492247

Unit Date Circa 1800-1860

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Clippings, drawings, and blueprints relating to early American hand presses, circa 1800-1860, some leaves with extensive comments, measurements, etc., by R.G. 64 leaves. List of hand presses, arranged by name, with manufacturer, dates and style, leaves 1-2. "Platen sizes of hand presses," leaves 3-4.

Vol. 7: Operation of hand presses (Instructions, etc.)

Unit ID id155424

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492248

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Tables, notes, blueprints, clippings, etc., with four dividers: 1) "Wood Presses & Early, " 2) "Iron Presses," 3) "Jobbers," and 4) "Amateur" "List of texts containing instructions for the operation of the hand press, arranged in chronological order," leaves 1-2. "The Stansbury Press," leaves 45-52. Clippings relating to the Washington Hand Press, leaves 55-75. 87 leaves.

Vol. 8: The "Washington family" of Presses

Unit ID id155426

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492249

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Photographs, clippings, blueprints, etc. 32 leaves.

Box 2

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498100

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Language English

Vol. 9: Author's pencil manuscripts, with corrections

Unit ID id155438

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492250

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 9 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

53 leaves. (The Iron Hand Press in America), leaves 1-19. (A history of the platten jobber), leaves 20-43. (On Making a printing press), leaves 44-53.

Vol. 10: "Rotary Presses"

Unit ID id155443

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492251

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 10 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Blueprints, notes, tables, photographs, etc. 78 leaves.

Vol. 11: "Misc"

Unit ID id155445

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492252

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 11 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Photographs, clippings, etc. of unusual presses, type-setting equipment, etc. 19 leaves.

Vol. 12: "English"

Unit ID id155447

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492253

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 12 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Clippings, photographs, etc. of early English hand presses. 40 leaves.

Vol. 13: "Foreign Wood Presses"

Unit ID id155449

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492254

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 13 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Photographs, drawings, etc. of early presses, primarily English. 68 leaves. Photocopy of a portion of a Cambridge University PhD dissertation (?), titled: "Appendix A. A Census of Surviving Wooden Presses," leaves 40-68.

Vol. 14: "Clippings"

Unit ID id155450

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492255

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 14 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Three dividers: "History," "Type," and "R. G." 67 leaves.

Vol. 15: "Wooden Presses, U. S."

Unit ID id155452

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492256

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 15 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Primarily photographs and drawings of old wooden presses, with extensive comments by R. G. 54 leaves.

Vol. 16: "Williamsburg"

Unit ID id155455

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492257

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 16 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Photographs, notes, plans, etc., regarding the English Common Press constructed at Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. "Sources of data used in preparation of plans of 1720-1750 Colonial Printing Press," leaves 20-21. Blueprints for the press, drawn by R. G. and dated May 15, 1949, leaves 22-32; "Bill of material" needed in construction of press, leaves 33-34; specifications and notes of other equipment to be placed in the restored printing shop, leaves 35-55.

Vol. 17: "Private presses"

Unit ID id155457

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492258

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 17 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Notes and clippings on amateur and hobby printing. 18 leaves.

Box 3

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498101

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Language English

Vol. 18: "Specimens"

Unit ID id155459

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492259

Unit Date 1935-1960

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 18 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Samples of R. G.'s own printing work: letterheads, envelopes, Christmas cards, etc., circa 1935-1960. About 150 leaves.

Vol. 19: "Specimens"

Unit ID id155460

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492260

Unit Date 1935-1960

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 19 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Samples of R. G.'s own printing work: letterheads, envelopes, Christmas cards, etc., circa 1935-1960. About 150 leaves.

Vol. 20: "Specimens"

Unit ID id155461

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492261

Unit Date 1935-1960

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 20 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Samples of R. G.'s own printing work: letterheads, envelopes, Christmas cards, etc., circa 1935-1960. About 150 leaves.

Vol. 21: "Book plates"

Unit ID id155462

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492262

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 21 (Volume)

Scope and Contents

Clippings or sample bookplates. Also several clippings on unusual forms of printing and etching. 11 leaves.

Box 4: Files and Publications

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498098

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Language English

Series 2: Card Files

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492240

Scope and Contents

Mr. Green maintained two file-drawers of note cards (3" x 5") to assemble various bits of information-- specifications, notes, drawings, etc. of interest to him. These files have been examined by Mr. S. F. Royall, of Williamsburg, Virginia, who prepared a 9-page summary of the contents. Their principal value, according to Mr. Royall, is to provide the user with a guide to the contents of his own library and files, and "taken together, must form one of the largest sources extant on printing press illustrations." Mr. Green's files have already proved of great value in locating detailed information about specific presses, identifying source of illustrations, etc.

Card file (1)

Unit ID id155463

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492263

Mixed Materials Card Files (1) (Box)

Card file (2)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492264

Mixed Materials Card Files (2) (box)

Series 3: Print Blocks

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492241

Series 3, Box 1

Unit ID id308203

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492265

Mixed Materials Series 3, Box 1 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Wooden Print Blocks

Series 3, Box 2

Unit ID id308319

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492266

Mixed Materials Series 3, Box 2 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Wooden Print Blocks