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Plein, Stewart

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Scope and Contents

Photographs, ephemera, and other material from the early twentieth century, including two postcards albums, black and white photographs, a concert program, greeting cards, postcards, calling cards, recipe pamphlets, and a calendar. This collection also includes publications of the Hill and Dale Private Press and Type Foundry of Terra Alta, West Virginia (1975-1994); the first published catalog of West Virginia books (1963); seed and plant catalogs (1934-1948); two Victorian scrapbooks (ca. 1885-1900); as well as various books, publications, and ephemera. This material was acquired in the Morgantown, West Virginia area.

The Addendum of 2025 February 24 includes newspaper clippings from The Dominion Post, including obituaries of local Morgantown, WV, persons and articles about West Virginia University sports. Also includes a postcard depicting a moonshine operation and a Christmas card from Massey Energy (2011).

The Addendum of 2024-2025 includes assorted Valentines and greeting cards, cookbooks and recipe pamphlets, seed catalogs, framed art print, and other material.

Keywords

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Moundsville (W. Va.)

Shepherd, Betsy Lane

Plein, Stewart

Description of Subordinate Components

Two postcard albums. One of the albums contains 48 postcards and measures 7 in. x 9 in. The other album is empty and measures 10 in. x 15 in. Both albums have decorative covers and pages with slits to hold postcards. Most of the postcards regard holidays such as Christmas, New Year's, and Easter. Some of the postcards have messages and stamps, others are blank

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146475

Unit Date ca. 1905-1915

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Photographs with identifications, including nature scenes and groups of women

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146476

Unit Date 1925, undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Photographs without identifications, including individual and group portraits of women, nature scenes, and the exterior of a house

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146477

Unit Date ca. 1910-1930

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Original concert program for performance by soprano Betsy Lane Shepherd, essay by Stewart Plein, and photocopies of advertisement, newspaper article, and other related material; this regards a concert demonstration of an acoustic phonograph in the town of Moundsville, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146478

Unit Date 1917, 2012

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Greeting cards and postcards

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146479

Unit Date ca. 1910

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Calling cards and other ephemera

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146480

Unit Date ca. 1900-1910

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Recipe pamphlets

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146481

Unit Date 1929-1934

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Oversize photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146482

Unit Date 1900-1930

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Tear-off calendar with illustration of mountain scene (advertising calendar for Morgantown, WV general store)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146487

Unit Date 1937

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

"The American Kitchen Magazine"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146488

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

"What's New in Cookery"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146489

Unit Date 1929

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

"Borden's Eagle Brand: 70 Magic Recipes"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146490

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Woman's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences: Tailored and Lingerie Blouses, Pt. 1

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146491

Unit Date 1920

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Woman's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences: Tailored and Lingerie Blouses, Pt. 2

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146492

Unit Date 1920

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

"Ladies' Pearl" literary magazine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146493

Unit Date January 1885

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

"Log Cabins and Summer Cottages" Sears, Roebuck and Co. Catalog

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146494

Unit Date 1937

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

"The School World"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146495

Unit Date March 1905

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

"Peter Rabbit Goes to School" children's book

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146496

Unit Date 1917

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

"The Ashes of Six Million Jews" pamphlet

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146497

Unit Date 1946

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

"Universal Star Finder" star map

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146498

Unit Date 1929

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

"West Virginia Historic and Scenic Highway Markers"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146499

Unit Date 1937

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

"Bridal Blossoms" book

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146500

Unit Date ca. 1910

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Publications of the Hill and Dale Private Press and Type Foundry of Terra Alta, West Virginia, including "Typographic Curiosities" nos. 9 (1975) and 13 (1991), "Fond Memories of Christmas Plum Pudding" (1977), and "A Corinthian Revival" (1994)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146501

Unit Date 1975-1994

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Catalog of West Virginia and Appalachia books by the Appalachia Bookshop of Richwood, West Virginia. This catalog is the first published catalog of West Virginia books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146502

Unit Date 1963

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

"A Defence of Cosmetics" by Max Beerbohm, marked "Little Blue Book No. 649"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146503

Unit Date 1896

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

"Better Homes and Gardens" (5 Issues)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146504

Unit Date 1933-1935

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Brand Peony Farms

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146505

Unit Date Spring 1934

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Brand Peony Farms

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146506

Unit Date Spring 1935

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Farmer Seed & Nursery Co.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146507

Unit Date August 1934

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Farmer Seed & Nursery Co.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146508

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

South Michigan Nursery

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146509

Unit Date Spring 1935

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Emlong Nurseries Inc.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146510

Unit Date Fall 1947

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Shumway & Son's '48 Darden Annual

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146511

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

West Hill Nursery Guide

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146512

Unit Date 1934

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

H.W. Buckbee Seed and Plant Guide

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146513

Unit Date 1934

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Inter-State Nurseries

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146514

Unit Date Spring 1945

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

"The Wonder Book of Knowledge"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146515

Unit Date 1923

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Stark Salesman's Plate Book

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146516

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

"Our Wild Flowers" book

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146517

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Souvenir handkerchief with printed image of map of West Virginia with rhododendrons and points of interest

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146518

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Victorian scrapbook with brown cover containing holiday cards and other ephemera

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146519

Unit Date ca. 1885-1900

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Victorian scrap book with red cover containing paper cut-outs of flowers, birds, and Easter images, among other ephemera

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146520

Unit Date ca. 1885-1900

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Shumway's Handy Culture Book and Canning Recipes, The Pioneer American Seedsman

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146521

Unit Date ca. 1870

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

C.B. Rogers-Garden Manual & Illustrated Catalog

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146522

Unit Date 1883

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Calla Greenhouses-Seeds and Plants

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146523

Unit Date 1902

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

The J.M. McCullough's Song Co.-Catalog of Bulbs, Seeds and Sundries

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146524

Unit Date 1907

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Thorburn's High Class Seeds, J.M. Thorburn Co.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146525

Unit Date 1911

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Garden Flower & Field Seeds, Cadwell & Jones

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146526

Unit Date 1924

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Child's Fall Catalog, John Lewis Childs Seed Co.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146527

Unit Date 1925

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Fall Brochure, Maloney Bros. Nursery Co

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146528

Unit Date 1928

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Moon's Hardy Trees and Plants for Every Place and Purpose, Moon's Nurseries

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146529

Unit Date 1929

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Seeds Grown by a Woman

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146530

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Burpee's Bulbs for Fall Planting, W. Atlee Burpee Co.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146531

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Importers and Growers, American Bulb Company

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146532

Unit Date 1931

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Gladioli Catalog, A.E. Kunderd

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146533

Unit Date 1932

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Hills Evergreens

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146534

Unit Date 1932

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Jung Quality Seeds Spring 1934, J.W Jung Seed Co.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146535

Unit Date 1934

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Ferris Planting Guide, Earl Ferris Company

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146536

Unit Date 1934

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

The Storrs and Harrison Co. Spring Catalog (2 copies)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146537

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

The Welch Nursery

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146538

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Ferris Planting Guide, Earl Ferris Company

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146539

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Brand Quality Peonies, Iris, and Lilacs for Fall Planting, Brand Peony Farm Incorporated

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146540

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

The Krider Nurseries Incorporated-Special Century of Progress Catalog

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146541

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

The Krider Nurseries Incorporated Fall Catalog

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146542

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

W. Atlee Burpee Co.-Burpee's Annual Garden Book

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146543

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

The Storrs and Harrison Co. Autumn Catalog

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146544

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Paradise-Latest Offerings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146545

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

The Gardener's Map of the Growing Season for the United States, Wm. H. Wise & Co.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146546

Unit Date ca. 1938

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

High Quality Trees, Shrubs, Evergreens & Roses McKay Nursery Company (2 copies)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146547

Unit Date ca. 1930s

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Kellogg's Famous Flowers and How to Grow Them, R. M. Kellogg Company

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146548

Unit Date 1950

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Planting Guide, Earl Ferris Nursery

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146549

Unit Date 1957

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Construction hard hat, navy blue, with gold insignia "WV" and gold lettering reading "WVU.Law"; this hard hat, given to Stewart Plein, was among a set of hard hats custom made for faculty and staff of the WVU College of Law by direction of the Dean during a period of construction and remodeling of Law School facilities

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146550

Unit Date 2013

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Papers and ephemera connected with a town hall meeting hosted by West Virginia Senator Manchin on 2017/03/18 regarding the American Health Care Act (AHCA) (11 items including poster, handbill, clippings, and other material)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/146551

Unit Date 2017

Mixed Materials Oversize 1 (Folder)

Addendum of 2025 February 24, Newspaper Clippings and Other Material

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/235324

Unit Date 2011, 2024-2025, and undated

Mixed Materials Oversize 2 (Folder)

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