

The City of Hudson Postcards collection

From 1900 [bulk 1905-1910]

The Hudson Area Library History Room

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Descriptive Summary Notes:

Title: The City of Hudson Postcards collection

Date: from 1900 [bulk 1905-1910]

Abstract:

This postcard collection contributes to the collective, visual memory dedicated to the City of Hudson, New York. Beginning in the early 20th Century, these records depict living spaces such as Hudson street scenes, buildings and landmarks, as well as infrastructures reflecting urban development (bridges, reservoirs, transportation, etc.) of the City.

Administrative information

Accession number: HPC2019-01

Extent: 0.4 linear feet (1 box)

Repository: Hudson Area Library

Language (s): materials are in English

Access: The collection is open for research

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Preferred citation: Hudson Postcards Collection, Hudson Area Library, Hudson, NY.

Acquisition information: Materials were donated by multiple donors over a period of time.

Accruals: New materials are added to the collection as they are purchased or received from donors.

Custodial history: Each postcard is kept in an individual archival plastic sleeve. Each postcard had a black and white photocopy made and the copies are kept. The photocopying minimizes handling and security risks to the collection.

Processing information: Processed by Marie O'Toole in 2019

Scope and Content of collection

This collection, which dates from early 1900s to 2010, includes hundreds of postcards collected by various donors. The postcards provide important visual information about many elements of the City of Hudson. They provide images of architecture and various types of buildings. Also, they contain a wide range of illustrations (drawings and photographic images) on subjects as varied as urbanization, transportation, industrialization, education, health structures, events, and environment. The collection features postcards from a multitude of publishers, based mostly in New York State. Some of these postcards have been used for correspondence which gives us insights into the subject depicted on the postcards as well as into the lives of the residents. This collection is a valuable resource for researchers. Even though some postcards have suffered from inadequate storage conditions or poor paper quality, the vast majority of the collection is in fair/good condition and may be handled with appropriate precautions

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in two series, each of which has been further arranged in subseries. Each subseries is arranged in folders in alphabetical order by categories.

Series 1. The City of Hudson & Surroundings, from 1900

This series contains a wide range of illustrations of buildings, landmarks, landscapes, activities pertaining to the City of Hudson mostly from the early 20th Century. In addition, the series shows the sectors and zoning districts in which the city was divided as per different function/activity such as industrial, residential, and institutional. The series is arranged in three subseries as follows:

- **Subseries 1.1. Historic Houses and Buildings**
The postcards in this subseries show significant historic houses and buildings throughout Hudson, including street scenes and environs (landscapes).
- **Subseries 1.2. Activities**
This subseries contains postcards illustrating the economic activity of the City.
- **Subseries 1.3. Infrastructure**
This subseries depicts examples of transportation and water supply systems which are part of the urban scene of the City of Hudson.

Series 2. Community & Events, from 1900

The subseries includes notables and events in the social life and customs of Hudson that had an impact on the City. New acquisitions of postcards will be inserted in this series, as well as in different subseries.

- **Subseries 2.1. Social Life and Customs**

Related materials

The following collection contains related materials:

- New York Heritage. Portal for learning more about the people, places and events that had contributed to the making of New York State. <https://nyheritage.org>
- “Wish You Were Here: a Look Back at Life in Hudson through Vintage Postcards”, displayed at the Hudson Area Library from September to October 2018 and, June 2019.

Indexing terms

The following terms will be used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online public access catalog.

Subjects

Names and Places:

Allen Street School Hudson N.Y.
Armories New York (State)
Atlas Cement Plant
Auditorium D.A.R Building
Bay Road
Bunker Bridge
Capt. Best and Non Commissioned Officers of Co. F 10 Rgt
Cedar Park Cemetery
Cedar Pond
Cement Works Hudson, N.Y.
Chancellor Livingston High School
Chapel-State Training School
Christ Episcopal Church
Claverack Toll Gate
Co. F 10 Rgt.
Columbia County Court House
Columbia Turnpike, Route 23B
Courthouse Park
Daughters of the American Revolution
Day Line Steamer "Albany"
East Allen Street
Edmonds 1, Phoenix Hose
Electric Park
Elks'Club House
Episcopal Church
Ferryboat "Geo. H. Power
Firemen's Association of the State of New York
First M.E. Church
First Universalist Church
Fourth Street School
Grammar School
Green Street
Hallenbeck Toll Gate

Harte, Francis Bret
Hendrick Hudson Steamer
Henry Hudson Co. N4
House of Refuge for Women State Institute Hudson N. Y.
Hudson (N. Y.)
Hudson (N. Y.) - - Buildings, structures, etc. - - Pictorial works.
Hudson - -Columbia County - - New York
Hudson (N. Y.) - - Commerce - - History
Hudson (N. Y.). Public Schools
Hudson River (N. Y. and N. J.)
Hudson River Light House
Hudson River Day Line Steamer. " Albany"
Hudson River Day Line Steamer "Peter Stuyvesant"
Hudson (N. Y.) - - Social life and Customs
Knickerbocker Portland Cement Company
Lodge No. 787, B.P.O. Elks
Mount Ray Reservoir
N. Y. State Training School for Girls
Oakdale Lake
Old Academy
Orphan Asylum
Playhouse (The)
Presbyterian Church
Promenade Hill and St. Winnifred Monument
Reformed Church
Rip Van Winkle Bridge
Roman Catholic Church
Seventh Street Park
St. John's Hall
St. John's Lutheran Church
St Mary's Academy
Sixth Street School
Spook Lake
Spook Rock
Steamboat "Kaaterskill" (The)
Steamboat "Mary Powell" (The)
Underhill Lake
Union Street
United States Postal Service
Y.M.C.A. Building
Warren St.
Warren St. East from Fifth St.
Warren St. looking down from Fifth St.
Warren St. looking down from 6th St.
Warren St. looking down from Seventh St. Park.
Warren St. and Worth House
Willard Place
Woodmen's Hall
Worth Avenue

Subjects:

Architecture
Bank
Belfry
Bird's-eye-view
Boat
Bridge
Business and Industry
Cement Company
Ceremonies and Military Parades
Church
Court House
Daily Life
Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R)
Drawing Postcard
Educational Facility
Electric Park
Elks Lodge
Environment and Conservation
Firemen's Home
Garage
Garden
Hospital
Hotel
Justice
Landslide
Lake and Pond
Landscape and Nature
Lighthouse
Masonic Lodge
Old Folks' Home
Organization
Opera House
Orphanage
Park
Photographic Postcard
Playhouse
Poet
Post Office
Public Square
Reservoir
School
Sculpture
Soldier
Store and Shop
Street
Toll Bridge
Toll Gate
Town Pump
Transportation
Train Station
Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)

Publishers:

A.C. Bosselman & Co., New York
American News Company (The)
Arthur Livingston, publisher, New York
Bobbie's Flea Market
Bryant Union Publishing Co.
Chas W. Hughes
Eugene A. Dowling, Hudson, N.Y.
F.W. Woolworth Co.
George Greenberg & Son, Catskill, N.Y.
George J. Greenberg & Son, Merchandising Inc.
H.L. Woehler
Hudson River Day Line (The)
Hugh C. Leighton Co. (The)
Hugh C. Leighton Co., Manufacturers, Portland, Me.(The)
Hugh C. Leighton Co., ME Manufacturers of Postal Cards Jaquins 5 and 10 cents store (The)
Illustrated Postal Cards Co.
Jinny & Wendy Neefus
Joslen Tobacco Co.
J. Ruben, Photograph
Kingston News Service, Kingston, N.Y.
Leighton & Valentine Co.
Valentine & Sons' Publishing Co., LTD (The)
Manhattan Post Card Publishing Co.
National arts Views Co.
Mwm
Post Card Co., N.Y.
Rotograph Company
Ruben Publishing Co. (The)
S.E. Jaquins, Hudson, N.Y.
S. Langsdorf & Co., New York.
Souvenir Post Card Co.
Union News Company
Valentine-Souvenir Co.
W.B. Hale, Williamsville., Mass.
William H. Ziesenitz

Genres and Forms of Materials

Postcards - - 20th century

Index terms related to this collection

Hudson Area Library
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Container list of the collection

Series 1. The City of Hudson and Surroundings, from 1900

0.4 linear feet (1box)

Subseries 1.1. Historic Houses and Buildings

Box 1 Folder Title

Art-Entertainment

Physical Description: 7 postcards

Electric Park, Opera House, Playhouse

Business

Physical Description: 7 postcards

Bank, Garage, Hotel

Health and Social Structures

Physical Description: 13 postcards

Hospital, Old Folks Home

Institutional Structures

Physical Description: 19 postcards

House of Refuge for Women (State Institute), Orphanage, School, Y.M.C.A

Judicial structures

Physical Description: 14 postcards

Court House

Organizations

Physical Description: 4 postcards

Elks Lodge, Masonic Lodge

Public buildings

Physical Description: 40 postcards

Armory, D.A.R, Firemen's Home, Fire Station, Lighthouse, Post Office

Public places

Physical Description: 72 postcards

Cedar Pond Cemetery, Promenade Hill, Public Square, Street View

Religious structures

Physical Description: 20 postcards
Church

Views of Hudson & environs

Physical Description: 18 postcards
Bird's-eye view, Cedar Pond, Oakdale Lake, Underhill Lake, Spook Lake

Subseries 1.2. Activities

Box 1 Folder title

Industries

Physical Description: 2 postcards
Cement Company, Knickerbocker's landslide

Subseries 1.3. Infrastructure

Box 1 Folder title

Transportation

Physical Description: 38 postcards
Boats, Bridge, Toll Gate, Train Station

Water supply system

Physical Description: 29 postcards
Belfry, Town Pump, Reservoir

Series 2. Community & Events, from 1900

5 items

Subseries 2.1 Social Life and Customs

Box 1 Folder title

Ceremonies and Military Parades

Physical Description: 4 postcards

Photograph of military group

Notables

Physical Description: 1 postcard

Birthplace of Francis Bret Harte, Poet