Finding Aid to the Philatelic Collection MS.518

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Title: Philatelic Collection
Identifier/Call Number: MS.518
Contributing Institution: Autry National Center, Braun Research Library
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 1.3 Linear feet (3 albums, 1 box)
Date (inclusive): 1861-1983
Abstract: Items in this collection date from 1861-1983 and include stamps, covers or envelopes, newspaper clippings, typed articles, and correspondence. Materials include an envelope collection of covers from 1861 that mostly deal with politics, race relations, and the Civil War; stamps, covers, articles, and clippings spanning 1961-1969 and regarding mostly the American West, Native Americans, and Mexico. Materials in this binder originate from the Czech Republic, Mexico, and the United States.
creator: Tufts, Charlotte

Scope and Contents
This collection of stamps, envelopes, and related items was started by Southwest Museum librarian Charlotte Tufts in 1966. Items in the collection were accessioned between 1954 and 1983. Items in the collection date from 1861-1983 and include stamps, covers or envelopes, newspaper clippings, typed articles, and correspondence. The collection consists of four loose-leaf binders and one separate vertical file. Three of the binders hold an envelope collection of covers from 1861 that mostly deal with politics, race relations, and the Civil War. One binder contains stamps, covers, articles, and clippings spanning 1961-1969 and regarding mostly the American West, Native Americans, and Mexico. Materials in this binder originate from the Czech Republic, Mexico, and the United States. The vertical file contains one stamp produced in 1953 depicting the 1853 Gadsden Purchase, and was donated to the Southwest Museum by Dr. B. Sacks, 1954 June.

Processing history

Preferred citation
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Acquisition
Donations from Dr. B. Sacks, 1954 June; Dr. V. S. Karpenko, 1966 June; Dr. Emil Holub; E. St. Vraz; and Southwest Museum Librarian Charlotte Tufts.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Clippings
Correspondence
Envelopes
Indians of North America
Indians of North America -- History
Mexico -- History -- Collectibles
Stamp collections
Stamps
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Collectibles
United States -- Politics and government
**Notebook 1**

Scope and contents

**Notebook 2, 3, box**

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292 Envelopes total. They have cartoon pictures and oetry, most often unmailed (all except 1 or 2 were not). Mostly Northern and appear to be from 1861. The dated ones all are and none of the things being commented upon occurred after 1861. Source uncertain. With them as a letter from Lummis to Colgrove (1910) which mentions book of War envelopes. Also ad. from a 1968 catalogue re: a collection of over 800 being sold for $400. 34 covers—Animals 71 covers—Biographical Gen. Benjamin F. Butler (2) Jefferson Davis (22) Elmer Ellsworth (11) George B. McClellan (3) Winfield Scott (10) George Washington (8) single envelopes: Robert Anderson Nathaniel P. Banks P.G.T. Beauregard John Brown W.G. “Parson” Brownlow Abraham Lincoln Gen. Lyon Wm. S. Rosecrans Franz Siegal Silas H. Stringham John E. Wool multiple biography (4) Cotton (4) Death symbols (13) Devils (9) Equipment (6) Flags (58) secession (7) with eagles (10) with Miss Liberty (13) with people (16) U.S.A. only (12) Negroes (17) State Emblems (24) Uniforms and Military (18) Women (9) Miscellaneous (30) Non-Civil War (1)