Black, Lester F.

Lester F. Black sample book of calligraphic calling cards
circa 1880-1890

Abstract: Lester F. Black penned the calling cards in this late nineteenth-century volume of thirty calligraphic samples, as well as a brief note on the final page.
Descriptive Summary

Identification: MSS 093, Item 018
Creator: Black, Lester F.
Title: Lester F. Black sample book of calligraphic calling cards
Inclusive Dates: circa 1880-1890
Extent: 1 v. (17 p.) ; 17.5 cm. x 11.5 cm.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Lester F. Black described his work in a brief rhyming note on the final page of the sample book. He wrote: "This book belongs to Lester Black. A man of great renown, He'll write you cards with skill-ful knack, And do the job up brown." Black's calling card is laid in the sample book and on it he identified himself as a "penman." Black was probably from the United States since the cent sign is used on two cards.

Sources:

Biographical information derived from the sample book.
Scope and Content Note

Lester F. Black penned the calling cards in this late nineteenth-century volume of thirty calligraphic samples, as well as a brief note on the final page.

This small notebook, with a handwritten cover title "Sample Book," contains samples of thirty calling cards penned by Black on a variety of cards. Four of the cards have a black background and are inscribed in white ink, while others have sculptured borders with gilt edges. Two have Victorian onlay in the shape of a hand pointing to the name. Additionally Black's own calling card is laid in the back of the volume next to the final page on which he wrote a brief note about his work.
Selected Search Terms

Topical Terms

Calligraphy--United States--History--19th century--Specimens.

Visiting cards--1850-1890--Specimens.

Form/Genre Terms

Sample books.

Visiting cards.

Business cards.

Occupation

Calligraphers.

Related Materials in this Repository

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Detailed Description of the Collection

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