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Descriptive Summary

Identification: MSS 0093, Item 0031
Creator: Creator unknown.
Title: Nineteenth-century British scrapbook of greeting cards
Inclusive Dates: 1872-1879
Extent: 1 v. (ca. 50 p.) ; 33 cm.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

This scrapbook of greeting cards was created by an unknown individual, likely a child. Dated contents indicate that this scrapbook was compiled between 1872 and 1879. Many greeting cards were printed in London and the album includes a stationer’s label from Chelmsford, suggesting this scrapbook was created in England.

Sources:

Biographical information derived from collection.
Scope and Content Note

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The album, with beveled boards, is in very good condition. The end papers are bright orange, in sharp clash with the subdued red cover. A stationer’s label in the front is from "Clarke Printer & Bookseller, Chelmsford." A few of the greeting cards within are printed by Joseph Mansell, London, and Marcus Ward & Co., an Irish printer and publisher that had established a London office by 1867.

The compiler of this album carefully dated and identified the sender of each card, though most of these are identified as "Aunt Hannah," "Aunt Jane," "Aunt Sarah," or by first name of other friends.
Selected Search Terms

Form/Genre Terms

Scrapbooks--Great Britain--19th century.

Greeting cards.

Christmas cards.

Easter cards.

Valentines.

Fairy tales.

Printed ephemera.

Juvenilia.

Related Materials in this Repository

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Nineteenth-century British scrapbook of greeting cards, 1872-1879 [Item 0031]

1 vol.