

# Haverhill Public Library Greeting Card Collection 1800 – 1990

## Collection Summary

<b>Reference Code:</b>	MRQ, US.
<b>Repository:</b>	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
<b>Call Number:</b>	MSS 87
<b>Creator:</b>	Haverhill Public Library
<b>Title:</b>	Haverhill Public Library Greeting Card Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1800 - present
<b>Size:</b>	4.5 linear feet (5 boxes)
<b>Language(s):</b>	Collection materials are in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	A collection of greeting cards and related ephemera.

## Organizational History

Through a series of patron donations and purchases from the Goodspeed's Book Shop located in Boston, Massachusetts, the Haverhill Public Library formed a subsection of the Gale Art Collection dedicated to Valentine's Day Cards, Christmas Cards, and miscellaneous greeting cards.

In 1949, a rough inventory was created for the Valentine's Day Cards, which can be found in Box 4, Folder 9. In the early 2000s, when the majority of the Gale Art Collection was sold, these greeting cards were left in the care of Special Collections.

These cards have frequently been used for displays and were featured in newspapers such as the *Haverhill Gazette* and the *Eagle Tribune*. MSS 87 consists of the remaining greeting cards from the former Gale Art Collection, as well as greeting cards from more recent donations.

## Arrangement

- Series 1. Greeting Cards, 1800-1990
  - Subseries 1.1. Christmas Cards, 1800-1990
  - Subseries 1.2. Valentine's Day Cards, 1800-1967
  - Subseries 1.3. Other Greeting Cards, 1800-1900s
- Series 2. Ephemera, 1800-1900s

## Scope and Content Note

This collection contains greeting cards and related ephemera. Series 1 contains greeting cards broken into the following subseries: Christmas cards, valentines, and other greeting cards. Series 2 contains programs, invites, and paper dolls.

## Administrative Information

<b>Preferred Citation:</b>	[Item Identification], <i>Haverhill Public Library Greeting Card Collection</i> , MSS 87, Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
<b>Custodial History:</b>	Much of the material was acquired from the recipient of the greeting card (sometimes labeled with the card or on the back). The Haverhill Public Library also collected materials from Goodspeed's Book Shop in Boston.
<b>Acquisition Information:</b>	The bulk of the materials were acquired by the Haverhill Public Library or found in the collection. Other materials were donated by original recipients of the greeting cards in the collection.
<b>Processing Information:</b>	Processed by Elizabeth Smith, 2024.
<b>Access Rights:</b>	Collection is open for research.
<b>Phys. Access Restrictions:</b>	None.
<b>Tech. Access Restrictions:</b>	None.
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<b>Related Collections:</b>	None.
<b>Separated Material:</b>	None.
<b>Conservation Notes:</b>	Greeting Cards were placed in enclosures to protect them.
<b>Subjects:</b>	Greeting cards Christmas cards Birthday cards New Year cards Valentines Easter Envelopes (Stationery) Paper dolls Haverhill (Mass.)—History

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Greeting Cards. 1800 - present

#### Subseries 1.1: Christmas Cards, 1800 - 1990

<u>Content Description</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Christmas cards, 1800s	1	1
Christmas cards, 1900-1920s	1	2
Christmas cards, 1930s	1	3
Christmas cards, 1930s	1	4
Christmas cards, 1940s	1	5
Christmas cards, 1950s	1	6
Christmas cards, 1960s	1	7
Christmas cards, 1970s – 1990	1	8
Christmas cards, undated	1	9
Christmas cards, undated	1	10
Christmas postcards, undated	2	1
Display Christmas cards, 1800 –1900	2	2

#### Subseries 1.2: Valentine's Day Cards, 1800 - present

<u>Content Description</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Valentine's Day cards, 1800s	2	3
Valentine's Day cards, 1800s	2	4
Valentine's Day cards, 1800s	2	5
Valentine's Day cards, 1900s	2	6
Valentine's Day cards, 1950 – 1967	2	7
Valentine's Day cards, undated	2	8
Valentine's Day cards, undated	3	1
Valentine's Day cards, undated	3	2
Valentine's Day cards, undated	3	3
Valentine's Day cards, undated	3	4
Hayne's Valentine's Day cards, 1800-1900s	3	5

Valentine's Day cards, purchased from Goodspeed's Book Shop, 1800s	3	6
Valentine's Day cards, purchased from Goodspeed's Book Shop, 1800s	3	7
Valentine's Day card envelopes, undated	3	8
Valentine's Day comic, undated	3	9
Valentine's Day card display, 1800 - present	4	1

**Subseries 1.3: Other Greeting Cards, 1800 - present**

<u>Content Description</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Easter cards, undated	4	2
Easter cards, undated	4	3
New Year's cards, undated	4	4
Birthday cards, undated	4	5
Greeting cards, undated	4	6
Helen B. MacGibbon cards, undated	4	7
Envelopes, undated	4	8
Notes regarding greeting cards	4	9

**Series 2: Ephemera, 1800 - 1900s**

<u>Content Description</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Amesbury programs	5	1
Military ball invitations	5	2
Salem Firemen's Relief Association (S.F.R.A.) invitations	5	3
Salem Firemen's Relief Association (S.F.R.A.) invitations	5	4
Salem Firemen's Relief Association (S.F.R.A.) invitations	5	5
Paper dolls	5	6