Guide to the Arnold Green. Collection circa 1893

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Descriptive Summary

Identifier: ICU.SPCL.GREENA

Title: Green, Arnold. Collection

Date: circa 1893

Size: 1.5 linear feet (1 box)

Repository: Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center
University of Chicago Library
1100 East 57th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract: The Arnold Green Collection consists of a single scrapbook that conserves a variety of examples of die-cut, Victorian chromolithograph illustrations.

Information on Use

Access
The collection is open for research.

Restrictions on Use
The scrapbook should be consulted with care given the fragile condition of pages.

Citation
When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Green, Arnold. Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.

Biographical Note
Arnold Green, who composed the scrapbook, was the great-grandfather of Judi Clements, the collection’s donor. Green tragically perished aboard the S.S. Eastland on July 24, 1915. A passenger ship for tourists, the Eastland rolled over while docked on the Chicago River, killing 844 passengers and crew.

Scope Note
The collection consists of a single scrapbook that has an elaborate front cover carrying the title “Columbian Souvenir.” Although the scrapbook is undated, the cover title suggests that the volume was prepared sometime around the World’s Columbian Exposition of 1893, which produced a range of souvenir and memorabilia material. However, it is unclear whether the scrapbook itself or the illustrations that it contains were acquired at the Exposition. The
illustrations are more consistent in manufacture and design with the period genre of Victorian “scraps.”

The scrapbook contains over two hundred embossed, die-cut chromolithograph illustrations. Typical of the Victorian style, the scraps are thematically wide-ranging. They include formally dressed adults and children; soldiers, policemen, and firefighters; animals, cherubs and angels; flags of the world, pastoral vignettes, and fairy tale scenes.

**Related Resources**
Albert, Allen D., Reports on World’s Fairs
Buzzell, Edgar A. Collection
Cliff, Melissa. Collection
Lindblad, Andrew. Collection
Mueller, Ian. Collection
Scammon, Ariana E. Collection

**Subject Headings**
- World's Columbian Exposition (1893: Chicago, Ill.)
- Chromolithography, Victorian

**INVENTORY**

Box 1
  Scrapbook, circa 1893