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Patriotic covers, 1861, and miscellaneous materials, 1861-1889

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Size of Collection:
0.66 Cubic Feet

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Scope and Content Note

Collection consists of over 700 envelope covers with illustrations and poetry concerning pro-Union, anti-secessionist topics. Emphasis on patriotic themes of preserving the Union and punishing Confederate officials and generals who are depicted as objects of ridicule. Union officials and generals are held in high esteem and portrayed as heroes. The covers were printed in 1861 and many of them portend an early end to the rebellion. Additional items include an 1865 draft notice, two Confederate bonds and several newspaper illustrations concerning Lincoln's assassination and funeral, apprehension of the conspirators and the 1889 Johnstown flood.

List of Subjects with page locations

Beauregard, G.T. (Gustave Toutant), 1818-1893 – Caricatures and cartoons (7b; 11d; 13d; 25h; 32d; 34h; 35b; 36c; 41c; 47d; 55b; 58f; 61b; 65f; 69g; 75d; 76c)

Bonds – Confederate States of America (83-84)

Bounties – United States (81)

Brownlow, William Gannaway, 1805-187 – Pictorial work (67a)

Butler, Benjamin F. (Benjamin Franklin), 1818-1893 – Pictorial works (35h, 41d, 42d, 47a, 76a)

Camp Dennison (Ohio) (38c, 55e, 66c)

Confederate States of America – Economic conditions (2h; 4g; 7a; 11c,g; 12g; 13e; 22a, c; 32a; 63a; 69b; 70d; 76j; 78c)

Confederate States of America – Foreign relations – France (23h; 51b; 80j)

Confederate States of America – Foreign relations – Great Britain (3f; 10f,g; 11a; 13c; 18h; 22a,c; 23h; 28c; 31g; 34a; 47c; 51b,g; 52g; 58h; 66e; 69h; 80j)

Confederate States of America – Politics and government (45d, 46e, 48d,e,h)

Cotton Trade – Confederate States of America (2b; 3f; 10g; 10f; 11a; 13c; 18h; 22a,c; 23h; 28c; 31g; 34a; 47c; 51b,g; 52g; 56d; 58h; 66e; 69h; 80j (Great Britain) and pp. 23h, 51b, 56d, 80j (France)

Covers (Philately) – United States

Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889 - Caricatures and cartoons(1a,c,g; 3d; 4h; 5a,e; 6b; 9d; 10e; 11d,f; 13f,h; 14b; 15a,c,g 18e,g; 19a; 20e,f,g; 21g; 22d,f; 23e,f; 24b,c; 24e; 27e; 28h; 29f; 30d; 32g; 34b,c,d; 35e; 37a,h; 43e; 44a; 46e,f; 49b; 50g; 52d,e; 53a; 54c; 59b,d,e,g; 60d,h; 62b; 63b; 64h; 65b,d,f; 66h; 69g; 70a; 71d,e; 74b,c,d; 78h)

Debts, Public – Confederate States of America (11c,g; 13e; 32a; 63a; 69b; 78c)

Draft – United States (81-82)

Ellsworth, E.E. (Elmer Ephraim) 1837-1861 – Pictorial works (6h; 10c; 13g; 16b; 25c; 47a,f; 48g; 50d,e; 51c; 57a; 66f)

Emblems, State (1d,f; 27h;39-41)

Flags – United States (throughout collection)

Floods – Pennsylvania - Johnstown (100-108)

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865 - Assassination (87-88)

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865 – Death and burial (86, 89,91, 92)

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865 - Pictorial works (86-89, 91-92)

Lyon, Nathaniel, d.1861 - Pictorial works (4d; 19g; 25h; 62f)

McClellan, George Brinton, 1826-1885 – Pictorial works (8g; 25a; 29d; 62h; 73c)

Money – Confederate States of America (87)

Patriotic poetry, American (14c; 15d,g; 17c; 18g; 22h; 25g; 27a,e; 36g; 44f; 46a,g, h; 47h; 49d; 50c; 61c,g,h; 64h; 72a-h; 73a; 80c,j)

Scott, Winfield, 1786-1866 - Pictorial works (1b,c; 3d; 5e; 10a; 12h; 13h;17b; 18d; 19a; 23b,d,e; 28h; 29f; 31f; 34f,h; 36f; 37f,h; 46b; 59e; 60h; 65f;70a)

Secession – Southern states (3g,h; 25f; 27c; 28f; 30e,g; 37a,b,f; 43d; 44c,g; 49d; 50g; 58b; 68f; 79d; 80b,c)

Seward, William Henry, 1801-1872 – Assassination attempt, 1865 (90)

Slavery – United States (8h; 30h; 35d,h; 36d; 42h; 43a; 47g; 58c; 62b; 73h; 74f ; 76j; 80h)

South Carolina – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 (8d; 9h; 13e; 14a; 22b; 51d; 53c; 64c)

United States – Foreign Relations – 1861-1865 (3f; 28c; 31g)

United States - History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – African Americans (3c,h; 5a,g; 7c; 12b; 24d,e; 30h; 31h; 35d,h; 36d; 42h; 43a; 45a,g; 47b,g; 58c; 59b,f; 60a; 73h; 74f; 75a; 80h)

United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Caricatures and cartoons (throughout collection)

United States - History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Poetry (14c; 15 d,g; 17c; 18g; 22h; 25g; 27a,e; 36g; 44f; 46a,g,h; 47h; 49d; 50c; 61c,g,h; 64h; 72a-h; 73a; 80c,j)

United States - History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Propaganda (throughout collection)

United States – Politics and government – 1861-1865 – Caricatures and cartoons (throughout collection)

United States. Army. New York 11th Infantry Regiment (1861-1862) (14c; 15d,g; 17c; 18g; 22h; 25g; 27a,e; 36g; 44f; 46a,g,h; 47h; 49d; 50c; 61c,g,h; 64h; 72a-h; 73a; 80c,j)

Virginia – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 (4f; 6d; 7f; 10d; 13a; 15h; 32h; 43c; 46g; 49h; 53a; 67c; 70e; 71d,e; 80g)

War poetry, American (14c; 15d,g; 17c; 18g; 22h; 25g; 27a,e; 36g; 44f; 46a,g,h; 47h; 49d; 50c; 61c,g,h; 64h; 72a-h; 73a; 80c,j)

Wise, Henry A. (Henry Alexander), 1806-1876 – Caricatures and cartoons (24f; 25a; 37d; 46g; 63c)