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Guide to the A. Nees & Co. decorative paper sample books

GEN MSS 1465



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 1465

CREATOR: A. Nees & Co

TITLE: A. Nees & Co. decorative paper sample books

DATES: circa 1865-circa 1930

BULK DATES: 1880-1914

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4.5 linear feet (19 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Nineteen volumes containing circa 44,000 undated samples of decorative papers manufactured by A. Nees & Co., circa 1865-circa 1930, most circa 1880-1914. Volumes contain small samples of marbled, embossed, coated, and other colored and printed papers affixed to pages within printed borders. Samples are identified by numbers in manuscript annotations or printed labels, some also citing paper names or manufacturing techniques. Volumes contain varying samples, with some overlapping content.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Boxes 1-12 and 14-19: Purchased from Antiquariat Banzhaf on the Gift of Frank H. Sommer, Class of 1944, Fund, 2016.

Box 139: Purchased from Susanne Schulz-Falster Rare Books on the Gift of Frank H. Sommer, Class of 1944, Fund, 2017.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

A. Nees & Co. Decorative Paper Sample Books. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Biographical / Historical

A. Nees & Co., Aschaffenburg, Germany, a manufacturer of decorated papers, was founded in 1862 by brothers Albert Nees (1836-1874) and Theodor Nees. In 1866 A. Nees & Co. invented Cambricpapier, a colored paper coated with shellac.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Collection Contents

Series I: Sample books

b. 1	Sample book	circa 1865
b. 2	Sample book	circa 1875
b. 3	Sample book	circa 1880
b. 4	Sample book	circa 1885
b. 5	Sample book	circa 1885
b. 6	Sample book	circa 1890
b. 7	Sample book	circa 1895
b. 8	Sample book	circa 1900
b. 9	Sample book	circa 1900
b. 10	Sample book	circa 1905
b. 11	Sample book	circa 1912
b. 12	Sample book	circa 1914
b. 13	Sample book	circa 1920
b. 14	Sample book	circa 1920
b. 15	Sample book	circa 1920
b. 16	Sample book	circa 1920
b. 17	Sample book	circa 1930
b. 18	Sample book	circa 1930
b. 19	Sample book	circa 1930

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Decorative paper -- Germany -- Aschaffenburg
Marbled papers -- Germany -- Aschaffenburg
Paper industry -- Germany -- Aschaffenburg

Geographic Names

Aschaffenburg (Germany) -- Economic conditions -- 19th century
Aschaffenburg (Germany) -- Economic conditions -- 20th Century

Genres / Formats

Colored paper -- Germany -- Aschaffenburg -- 19th century
Colored paper -- Germany -- Aschaffenburg -- 20th Century
Decorated papers -- Germany -- Aschaffenburg -- 19th century
Decorated papers -- Germany -- Aschaffenburg -- 20th Century
Marbled paper -- Germany -- Aschaffenburg -- 19th century
Marbled paper -- Germany -- Aschaffenburg -- 20th Century
Sample books -- Germany -- Aschaffenburg -- 19th century
Sample books -- Germany -- Aschaffenburg -- 20th Century

Names

Nees, Albert, 1836-1874
Nees, Theodor

Corporate Body

A. Nees & Co