

Guide to the Collection of Bookplates by Alfred Cossmann

BKP 70



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: BKP 70

CREATOR: Cossmann, Alfred, 1870-1951

TITLE: Collection of Bookplates by Alfred Cossmann

DATES: 1902-1944

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: German

SUMMARY: The collection contains bookplates by Alfred Cossmann, an Austrian graphic artist and engraver.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.bkp.0070>

Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.bkp.0070>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Yale Bookplate Collection was formerly housed in Sterling Memorial Library. The collection was incorporated into the Arts of the Book Collection in 1984 and then moved to the Seeley G. Mudd Library in 1990. In 2011 it was transferred to the Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Copyright has not been transferred to Yale University.

Preferred Citation

Collection of Bookplates by Alfred Cossmann, Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, Yale University.

Biographical / Historical

Alfred Cossmann (1870-1951) was an Austrian graphic artist and engraver, active in Vienna during the first half of the 20th century and well known for his bookplate designs.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains bookplates by Alfred Cossmann, an Austrian graphic artist and engraver. In addition to ex-libris, the collection also contains a variety of greeting cards and other illustrations by Cossmann.

Arrangement

Organized into four series: I. Bookplates – Individuals. II. Bookplates – Duplicates. III. Other Works. IV. Ephemera.

Any correspondence or ephemeral materials relating to a specific bookplate are filed together with the bookplate.

Collection Contents

Series I: Bookplates – Individuals

Arranged in alphabetical order by the patron's last name.

b. 1, f. 1	Adamus – Blaschek <i>7 Items</i>	1902-1940 undated
b. 1, f. 2	Bloch-Bauer – Cossmann <i>10 Items</i> This folder contains examples of the artist's own bookplate designs.	1904-1930 undated
b. 1, f. 3	von Dalberg – Emmrich <i>9 Items</i>	1912-1923 undated
b. 1, f. 4	Fasal – Habsburg-Lothringen <i>9 Items</i> This folder contains two bookplate designs for the Archduke of Austria, Erzherzog Eugen von Habsburg-Lothringen (1863-1954).	1904-1931 undated
b. 1, f. 5	Hediger – Kreuzenstein <i>10 Items</i>	1911-1941 undated
b. 2, f. 6	Krieger – Morecki <i>8 Items</i>	1910-1922 undated
b. 2, f. 7	Motog – Reichert <i>9 Items</i>	1908-1938 undated
b. 2, f. 8	Reinle – Schweinburg <i>8 Items</i>	1907-1942 undated
b. 2, f. 9	Stolz – Teltscher <i>10 Items</i> Along with the bookplates of Franz Stuchlik, this folder also contains a card with a description of one of those designs.	1908-1935 undated
b. 2, f. 10	Tucker-Lüscher – Zillich <i>13 Items</i>	1932-1938 undated

Series II: Bookplates – Duplicates

This series contains bookplates identified as duplicates of those found in Series I; however, these duplicate bookplates often vary in the size and type of paper or the color of ink printed. They also show evidence of different collectors' marks and occasional inscriptions.

Arranged in alphabetical order by the patron's last name.

b. 3, f. 11	Adamus – Fasal <i>21 Items</i>	[1905] 1911 1913 undated
b. 3, f. 12	Fischoff – Kreuzenstein <i>21 Items</i>	1914 undated
b. 3, f. 13	Lemberger – Probst <i>21 items</i>	undated
b. 3, f. 14	Reichert – Stuchlik <i>22 Items</i>	1930 1934 undated
b. 3, f. 15	Suess – Zillich <i>22 Items</i>	1908 1911 1936 undated

Series III: Other Works

This series contains works by Cossmann other than ex-libris designs. These include various greeting cards as well as other examples of graphic design.

b. 3, f. 16	Anniversary Cards <i>2 Items</i> This folder contains a commemorative card celebrating 50 years of the Gesellschaft für vervielfältigende Kunst, or the Society for Reproductive Art, in Vienna.	1921
b. 3, f. 17	Holiday Cards <i>2 Items</i> This folder contains a New Year's card as well as one for Easter.	1915 1925
b. 3, f. 18	Illustrations with Quotes <i>5 Items</i> This folder contains cards with various illustrations and quotes, including Meister Eckart ("Wer ungetrückt und lauter sein will, der muß eines haben: Abgeschlossenheit."); Shakespeare ("Das Recht soll nicht zur Vogelscheuche werden, als stünd es da, um Habichte zu schrecken, und bleibe regungslos, bis sie zuletzt gewöhnt, drauf ausruhn, statt zu fliehn."); Goethe ("Der kleine Gott der Welt bleibt stets von gleichem Schlag, und ist so wunderlich als wie am ersten Tag."); and the "Deutschlandlied" by August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben.	1934-1943
b. 3, f. 19	Memorial Card <i>1 Item</i> This folder contains a memorial card for Marie Stosius (August 25, 1889 - March 3, 1944).	1945
b. 3, f. 20	Thank-you Card <i>1 Item</i> This folder contains a thank-you card designed by and also from Alfred Cossmann.	undated
b. 3, f. 21	Visiting Card <i>1 Item</i> This folder contains a visiting card for Anna Cossmann-Wettengl.	1916
b. 3, f. 22	Zodiac Cards <i>2 Items</i> This folder contains cards for Aquarius and Aries.	undated

Series IV: Ephemera

b. 3, f. 23

Cossmann list; exhibition label
2 Items

undated

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

Bookplates

Genres / Formats

Bookplates

Greeting cards

Names

Cossmann, Alfred, 1870-1951