Stauffer Bookplate Collection
MS 28

Summary Information
Creator
Stauffer, David McNeely, 1845-1913

Title
Stauffer Bookplate Collection

Dates
1880-1910

Extent
.25 LF (.5 ms. box)

Arrangement
Collection organized into folders corresponding to name of the bookplate designer or owner.

Language of Materials
All materials in English.

Abstract
This collection consists of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century bookplates designed by various artists, primarily including those designed by F&M alum David McNeely Stauffer. Although Stauffer spent most of his career as a civil engineer, he was noted for his work as a copper and steel engraver and designed bookplates for many prominent libraries including Franklin and Marshall. Stauffer also provided illustrations for Joseph Henry Dubbs’ 1903 history of Franklin and Marshall College.

Subjects
Stauffer, David McNeely, 1845-1913.
Franklin and Marshall College--Alumni and alumnae--Publications.
Bookplates, American--Specimens.
Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Source unknown. Date of acquisition unknown.

Custodial History (Provenance)
It is presumed that this bookplate collection was created from part of the David McNeely Stauffer Papers collection (MS 19) and that the bookplates were donated by the same persons who provided the other Stauffer materials. They were apparently separated from the core collection due to their distinct art–of–the–book interest.

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Preferred Citation
Stauffer Bookplate Collection (MS 28), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College.

Processing Information
Processed by [unknown], ca. 1992. Description based on DACS.

Accruals
No further accruals are expected.

Additional Information

Bibliographical Note

Ward, Harry Parker. Some American college bookplates; a presentation of plates, old and new, used by educational institutions, individuals, fraternities and clubs, to which are added those of a few learned societies. Columbus, O., The Champlin press, 1915.

Related Materials
David McNeely Stauffer Papers (MS 19), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

Publications

Historical/Biographical Information
David McNeely Stauffer was born on March 24, 1845 in Mount Joy (then Richmond), PA. He attended the Bell School there until his family moved to Lancaster where he continued his education at the Duke Street Secondary School. In September 1861, Stauffer entered
Franklin and Marshall College. In September 1862, he left college to join the 2nd Pennsylvania Emergency Regiment serving until winter when he returned to school. In June 1863, he reentered the military joining the Independent Battery of Pennsylvania. After his enlistment expired in January 1864, Stauffer joined the Engineering Corps of the Columbia and Port DuPont Railroad. In February 1864, however, he reentered the military joining the navy as Masters Mate for Admiral David Porter. After the Civil War ended, Stauffer decided not to return to college. Instead, he returned to his job with the Columbia and Port DuPont Railroad to pursue a career in Civil Engineering. Work in this field allowed him the opportunity to work in several countries around the world, particularly Central America. Stauffer died in 1913.

**Scope and Content Note**
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**Inventory/Contents**
BOX 1
1/1  Frost, Sarah M. Scribner (3 items) nd.
1/2  Gooden, Stephen (3 items) nd.
1/3  Junge, Carl (1item) nd.
1/4  Stauffer, David McNeely (11 items) nd., 1894
1/5  Tiffany and Co. (1 item) nd.
1/6  Designer Unknown (11 items) nd.

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