

Collection: Shamy Postcard Collection

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Finding Aid

Date Range: 1905-1914**Bulk Date:** 1906-1908**Creators:** Anna Van Sicke and Edna Meyers**Size:** 56 postcards**Storage Location:** PCHS Library/Archives**Aid Created By:** Heather Cunningham, Curator**Biographical Note:**

This collection of postcards was assembled not by one but two young ladies, Anna Van Sicke and Edna Meyers. The donor writes that Anna and Edna were childhood friends, and some of the postcards in this collection were sent from one to the other. According to the addresses on those postcards which were mailed, Anna lived in Lebanon N.J. and Edna in Paterson N.J.

In 1914 Anna Van Sicke married Sam Bryan. Anna then died in 1924. When Sam married a second time, he chose Edna Meyers for his bride, and this seems to be when the postcard collections of the two women were molded into one.

Scope Note and Content:

This collection of postcards focuses on the city of Paterson and the Lake Hapatcong region of New Jersey, however Echo Lake, Midway Park, Passaic and Watchung New Jersey are also present. Most of the cards are in good or fair condition, about half of the cards never having been written on or sent in the mail (noted on the item list). Most of the sent postcards went to either Paterson or Lebanon, with one postcard being sent to Philadelphia. Of those postcards with messages (noted on the item list) most are short, one line messages.

One interesting feature of the postcards themselves, many of the postcards images are outlined in glitter, such as the lines of a building etc. In many cases the glitter is very visible and in good condition.

Series:

Upon arrival, these postcards were sorted into two categories, *Paterson* and *Echo Lake*. As these topics were noted in the descriptions on the collection list, it was not deemed necessary to physically separate the postcards at this time. There are however, numbered in such a way that the Paterson postcards are grouped and those for Lake Hopatcong are also together.