

Collection of Jessie Willcox Smith periodical illustrations

Collection ID# 2018.02

Finding Aid prepared by Hoang Tran



PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY
OF THE FINE ARTS

The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
118-128 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

archives@pafa.org

215-972-2066

December 2018

Summary Information

Repository	The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Archives
Creator	Fred S. Hudson, Jr.
Title	Collection of Jessie Willcox Smith periodical illustrations
Date [bulk]	
Date [inclusive]	1897-1920s
Extent	1 document box; 6 oversized folders
Location note	A11/B4/S5, Red FF 32
Language	English
Language of Materials note	English
Abstract	The collection consists of illustrations from 1897-1920s commissioned by various American magazine companies, compiled by Fred S. Hudson, Jr.

Preferred Citation note

[identification of item], Title of Collection, Collection ID#, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Archives, Philadelphia, PA.

Historical note

Jessie Willcox Smith, a native of Philadelphia, was a well known illustrator. Her depictions of children appeared frequently in juvenile books and on the covers of *Good Housekeeping* and similar publications. She also painted children's portraits. Always fond of children, Smith was a kindergarten teacher before beginning her art studies.

She attended the Philadelphia School of Design for Women very briefly, before enrolling at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, where she studied from 1885 to 1888. When Howard Pyle started teaching illustration at the Drexel Institute in 1894, Jessie Willcox Smith was among his first pupils. It was in Pyle's class that she met Violet Oakley and Elizabeth Shippen Green. Both women became lifelong friends with whom Smith shared a home and studios for many years.

From 1888 until her death in 1935, Smith exhibited frequently in the Academy's annual exhibitions. For entries in these shows she was awarded the Mary Smith Prize in 1903, and the Beck Watercolor Prize in 1911. A memorial exhibition of her work, organized by the Fellowship, was held at the Pennsylvania Academy in 1936.

Scope and Contents note

The collection consists of illustrations by Jessie Willcox Smith from 1897-1920s commissioned by various American magazine companies.

Arrangement note

Collection arranged in alphabetical order by periodical company name.

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access note

Collection is open for research.

The archives reserves the right to restrict access to materials of sensitive nature. Please contact the department for further information.

Conditions Governing Use note

The collection is the physical property of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Archives. The Museum holds literary rights only for material created by Museum personnel or given to the Museum with such rights specifically assigned. For all other material, literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs

and assigns. Researchers are responsible for obtaining permission from rights holders for publication and for other purposes where stated.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Related Collections

PAFA's manuscripts collection includes MS.026, Jessie Willcox Smith papers.

Provenance note

The collection was donated to the Archives in October 2018 by Margaret F. Hudson, daughter of the creator of the collection, Fred S. Hudson Jr.

Processing Information note

Minimally processed by Hoang Tran, December 2018.

Controlled Access Headings

Person(s)

Smith, Jessie Willcox, 1863-1935

Corporate Name(s)

Frank Leslie's Publishing House
P.F. Collier, Inc.
Century Magazine (Firm)
American monthly review (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Good Housekeeping
Harper's bazaar
Ladies' home journal
McClure's magazine
Charles Scribner's Sons
Woman's Home Companion

Genre(s)

Geographic Name(s)

Subject(s)

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Collection Inventory

Date	Folder Title	Box #	Folder #	Quantity
1902	American Monthly Review of Reviews	1	7	
1921	Century	1	10	
1902-1903	Century Volume LXV Volume XLIII	RB Section	A2/B4/S5	
1905-1907	Charles Beck Jr.	1	11	
1900s	Collier's	Oversized	5	
1915	Everybody's Magazine	1	8	
1903 February	Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly	1	5	
1918	Good Housekeeping	1	15	
1919	Good Housekeeping	1	16	
1921	Good Housekeeping	1	17	
1922	Good Housekeeping	1	18	
1923	Good Housekeeping	1	19	
1924	Good Housekeeping	1	20	
1925	Good Housekeeping	1	21	
1926	Good Housekeeping	1	22	
1927	Good Housekeeping	1	23	
1928	Good Housekeeping	1	24	
1929	Good Housekeeping	1	25	
1930	Good Housekeeping	1	26	
1931	Good Housekeeping	1	27	
1932	Good Housekeeping	1	28	
1933	Good Housekeeping	1	29	
1934	Good Housekeeping	1	30	
1924	Harper's Bazaar	1	9	
1899, 1910, 1912	Harper's Bazaar	Oversized	4	3 items
1900s	Ladies' Home Journal	Oversized	1	
1903 August	McClure's Magazine	1	2	
1904 January	McClure's Magazine	1	3	
1904 August	McClure's Magazine	1	4	
1909 November - 1910 April	McClure's Magazine Volume XXXIV	1	1	
1902	Scribner's Sons	1	12	
1912 August	Scribner's Sons	1	13	
1926	Scribner's Sons	1	14	
1920	The American Magazine	1	6	
circa 1904-1931	Various periodicals	Oversized	2	10 items
1897-1898, 1917	Woman's Home Companion	Oversized	3	4 items
1897-1900s	Woman's Home Companion	Oversized	6	