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

GEN MSS 1465

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Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1465

**CREATOR:** A. Nees & Co

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

**DATES:** 1865–1930

**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**


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Conditions Governing Access
The materials are open for research.

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.

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### Series I. Sample books

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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