

Guide to the Thomas W. Streeter Collection of Hudson Book Company, Edward Eberstadt, and Edward Eberstadt & Sons Catalogs

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Streeter, Thomas W. (Thomas Winthrop), 1883-1965, collector

TITLE: Thomas W. Streeter collection of Hudson Book Company, Edward Eberstadt, and Edward Eberstadt & Sons catalogs

DATES: 1929-1965

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.92 linear feet (7 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Collection consists of Thomas W. Streeter's annotated copies of sale and exhibition catalogs issued by New York City rare book dealer Edward Eberstadt (1883-1958) and his sons, Lindley and Charles, during their careers as antiquarian booksellers. The collection includes more than 90 catalogs, announcements, and sales lists issued by three businesses-- the Hudson Book Company, Edward Eberstadt, and Edward Eberstadt & Sons-- between 1929 and 1965.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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THOMAS W. STREETER (1883-1965)

Thomas W. Streeter (1883-1965), lawyer and businessman, is known for his *Bibliography of Texas* and his work in the field of Americana. Born in Concord, New Hampshire, on July 20, 1883, Streeter graduated from St. Paul's School in Concord in 1900, and subsequently earned degrees from Dartmouth College (B.L., 1904) and Harvard Law School (LL.B., 1907). Streeter began practicing law in Boston and married Ruth Cheney in 1917. The couple had four children.

In 1917 Streeter moved to New York and began a career in business and finance. He eventually became president of the American International Corporation. Though Streeter retired from active business in 1939 to devote himself to collecting Americana, his interest in early American history and collecting was already established. While serving as chairman of the board of Simms Petroleum Corporation from 1923 to 1930, he took advantage of business trips to Texas to locate and acquire materials relating to Texas history. In 1936 rare items from his collection were exhibited at the Texas Centennial in Dallas and in 1939, his collection was showcased at the opening of the San Jacinto Monument and Museum. Streeter published a bibliography of selected items from his collection in 1952, titled *Americana-Beginnings*. Over the next five years, Streeter published the five-volume *Bibliography of Texas, 1795-1845*. After completing the exhaustive work, he sold his Texas collection to Yale University's Collection of Western Americana.

As reflected in *Americana-Beginnings*, Streeter collected extensively in many areas of American history. Before his death, which occurred in Morristown, New Jersey, on June 12, 1965, Streeter developed plans to auction most of his personal collection. The auction took place in 7 sales at Parke-Bernet Galleries, New York City, between October 25, 1966, and October 22, 1969. The catalog for the sale, titled "The celebrated collection of Americana formed by the late Thomas Winthrop Streeter..." was based on Streeter's notes about his books.

Scope and Contents

The Thomas W. Streeter Collection of Hudson Book Company, Edward Eberstadt, and Edward Eberstadt & Sons Catalogs consists of more than 90 Americana-related book catalogs, supplements, sales lists, and exhibition catalogs issued by New York City rare book dealer Edward Eberstadt (1883-1958) and his sons, Lindley and Charles, between 1929 and 1965. The Eberstadt companies represented in the collection are the Hudson Book Company, Edward Eberstadt, and Edward Eberstadt & Sons. Thomas Streeter lightly annotated many of the catalogs in this collection, both listing on the cover and marking inside the catalogs items of interest, as well as occasionally correcting or supplementing the text. His penciled handwritten dates are the basis for the bracketed supplied dates in the box and folder listing.

[Series I, Catalogs](#), (Boxes 1-7) contains publications by three of the Eberstadts' bookselling companies and is organized into 3 subseries: Hudson Book Company, Edward Eberstadt, and Edward Eberstadt & Sons. Within each subseries, numbered publications are listed first in ascending order. Unnumbered publications follow. Many of the catalogs are general lists of Americana items, but some were based around particular geographical or historical themes. Publication titles have been transcribed. The collection includes a number of advance copies of catalogs, as well as two exhibition catalogs that Edward Eberstadt & Sons published in 1958 for exhibitions at the Fort Worth Art Center and the Dallas Public Library.

[Series II, Other Material](#), (Box 7) consists of a few clippings related to Edward Eberstadt & Sons's 1941 publication of *Northwest Coast* (Catalog No. 119), as well as a stapled handmade booklet titled "A Few 'Kind Words'", containing photostat reproductions of letters from rare book librarians offering congratulations to the firm on the fine quality of their work.

Collection Contents

Series I: Catalogs

2.92 linear feet (7 boxes)

HUDSON BOOK COMPANY

Numbered

b. 1, f. 1-3	Nos. 26-28, "Americana"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 4	No. 75, "Americana"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 5	No. 76, "Early West - Far West Indians and the Overland Trail"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 6	No. 77, "A Catalogue of Rare and Standard Books on The South, The Southwest, The Early West and The Far West"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 7	No. 78, "Americana"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 8	No. 79, Part II, "Americana"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 9-10	Nos. 80-81, "Americana"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 11	No. 82, "A Special Plum-Pudding of Americana, Being a Most Unusual List of Out-of-the Way Books, Pamphlets, and Maps"	n.d.

Unnumbered

b. 1, f. 12	"How They Went West! Pioneer Narratives of the Overland Trail"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 13	"Western Americana"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 14	"West O' The Rockies"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 15	"When the West Was New! Source Books of the "Wild & Wooley""	n.d.
b. 1, f. 16	"[...] Local History"	n.d.

EDWARD EBERSTADT

b. 2, f. 17-20	Nos. 91-94, "Americana"	1929-1930
b. 2, f. 21-22	Nos. 101-102, "Americana"	1935
b. 2, f. 23	No. 104, "Americana Part Two"	1936
b. 2, f. 24-25	No. 105, "Americana Part Three" (two copies)	1936
b. 2, f. 26	No. 107, "Americana Part Five"	1937
b. 2, f. 27	No. 109, "A Catalogue of Books Relating to America"	1937
b. 2, f. 28-29	No. 110, "Rare Americana" (two copies)	1937
b. 2, f. 30-32	Advance List 1-3, "Western Americana"	1931
b. 2, f. 33-36	Advance List 4-7, "Americana"	n.d.

EDWARD EBERSTADT & SONS

Numbered

b. 3, f. 37-41	Nos. 111-113, "Americana" Two Copies of No. 112 and 113.	1938
b. 3, f. 42-45	Nos. 114-115, "Americana" Two Copies of No. 114 and 115.	1939-1940
b. 3, f. 46	List Nos. 116-118, "Americana"	1940
b. 4, f. 47-48	No. 119, "The Northwest Coast" (2 copies, hardcover and softcover) Soft cover accompanied by "Some Advance Comment on The Northwest Coast" pamphlet. See also: Box 7, folder 93	1941
b. 4, f. 49	No. 120, "Apache - Land"	1942
b. 4, f. 50	No. 121, "Americana, The Land We Love"	1942
b. 4, f. 51	No. 122, "Indian Captives and Massacres"	1943
b. 4, f. 52	No. 123, "Americana"	1947
b. 4, f. 53	No. 124, "Yosemite and the California Big Tree,"	1949
b. 4, f. 54	No. 125, "Books of the California Gold Rush 1849"	1949
b. 4, f. 55	No. 126, "Americana"	1950
b. 4, f. 56-58	Nos. 127-128, "Americana" Two Copies of No. 128.	1950-1951
b. 4, f. 59	No. 129, "American Historical Documents &	Manuscripts"
b. 5, f. 60-63	Nos. 130-131, "Americana" Three Copies of No. 131.	1952-1953
b. 5, f. 64-66	Nos. 132-133, "Americana" Two Copies of No. 132.	1953-1954
b. 5, f. 67	No. 133, "Americana" Advance hardcover copy, accompanied by letter.	1954
b. 5, f. 68-70	Nos. 134-136, "Americana" No. 135, advance hardcover copy.	1954-1955
b. 6, f. 71	No. 137, "Kansas and the Great Plains"	1955
b. 6, f. 72	No. 138, "Americana" Advance copy.	1956
b. 6, f. 73	No. 139, "A Distinguished Collection of Western Paintings"	[1956]

EDWARD EBERSTADT & SONS > Numbered (continued)

b. 6, f. 74	No. 140, "Americana"	[1957]
b. 6, f. 75	[No. 141?], "Utah and the Mormons"	[1956]
b. 6, f. 76	[No. 143?], "Indian Treaties"	[1956]
b. 6, f. 77	No. 146, "American Paintings: Historical, Genre, Western"	1958
b. 6, f. 78	No. 148, "Alaska and the Northwest Coast"	[1959]
b. 6, f. 79	Nos. 152-157, "Americana"	[1960-1961]
b. 6, f. 80	No. 158, "California Delineated"	1962
b. 6, f. 81	No. 160, "Americana"	1963
b. 6, f. 82	No. 161, "Western America in Documents"	1963
b. 6, f. 83	No. 162, "Texas"	1963
b. 7, f. 84	No. 164, "Americana"	1964
b. 7, f. 85	No. 166, "American Constitutions"	1964
b. 7, f. 86-87	Nos. 167-168, "Americana"	1965
Unnumbered		
b. 7, f. 88	"Americana, Special Quotation List "A"	[1948 Mar]
b. 7, f. 89	"Americana, Special Quotation List "B"	[1948 Mar]
b. 7, f. 90	"Books of the Gold Rush," annotated typescript	1949 Mar 1
b. 7, f. 91	"The History of Texas As Spanish Colony, Mexican State and Independent Republic," exhibition catalog	1958
b. 7, f. 92	"19th Century Painters of the Southwest," loan exhibition catalog	1958 Apr 14-May 4

Series II: Other Materials, 1941

b. 7, f. 93

"A Few Kind Words," booklet accompanied by clippings

1941

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

Americana -- Bibliography -- Catalogs
Booksellers' catalogs -- New York (State) --
New York
Manuscripts, American -- Catalogs

Genres / Formats

Sales catalogs

Occupations

Bibliographers, American

Names

Eberstadt, Edward, 1883-1958
Streeter, Thomas W. (Thomas Winthrop),
1883-1965

Corporate Bodies

Edward Eberstadt (Firm) -- Catalogs
Edward Eberstadt & Sons -- Catalogs
Hudson Book Company -- Catalogs