Guide to the Brooklyn Bridge Postcard Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Brooklyn Bridge Postcard Collection
Date Span: c. 1900-1984
Abstract: A collection of postcards featuring the Brooklyn Bridge.
Quantity: 290 postcards in one binder.
Extent: 0.2 linear feet
Location: Brooklyn Collection Annex, shelf 3.1
Repository: Brooklyn Public Library – Brooklyn Collection

Scope and Content

This collection of nearly 300 pictorial postcards of the iconic Brooklyn Bridge features both black and white and color images of the bridge, and represent the period from about 1900 to 1984. The collection features views from both sides of the East River, and of the bridge and the changing cityscapes of both Manhattan and Brooklyn, during the course of nearly 100 years. There are views from the air, from underneath the bridge, and also considerable sections of the city. The collection includes variant printings, colorings and additions. Some of the cards verge on the surreal, including a 1908 postcard depicting a car flying over the bridge. The collection contains both used cards with inscriptions and postal address as well as blank, unused cards.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions
Collection is located in the Brooklyn Collection at the Central Branch at Grand Army Plaza. The collection may only be used in the library and is not available through interlibrary loan. Requests to view the collection must be made at least 48 hours in advance of visit.
Use Restrictions
While many items in the Brooklyn Collection are unrestricted, we do not own reproduction rights to all materials. Be aware of the several kinds of rights that might apply: copyright, licensing and trademarks. The borrower assumes all responsibility for copyright questions.

Access Points

Subject Topics:
- Postcards
- Brooklyn Bridge (New York, N.Y.)

Administrative Information

Provenance
Purchased from Michael Brown Rare Books, LLC, July 2017.

Preferred Citation
This collection should be cited as the Brooklyn Bridge Postcard Collection, Brooklyn Public Library – Brooklyn Collection.

Related Materials

Available at the Brooklyn Collection:
- Ephemera Collection: Folders under Bridges: Brooklyn Bridge.
- Photographs from the Brooklyn Daily Eagle – Brooklyn Subjects: Folders under Bridges: Brooklyn.
- Various postcard collections.

Arrangement
The postcards are stored in a binder and arranged by image content, with similar views and/or duplicate cards grouped together.