

Collection #
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SOUTH BEND, IND., REAL PHOTO STAMPS CA. 1930S–1940S

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 folder
COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1930s–1940s
PROVENANCE:	Purchased from Ronald Rayman, Rayman Americana, Savannah, GA, in March 1993.
RESTRICTIONS:	None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1993.0334

NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The sheet of real photo stamps in this collection apparently is an unusual item. The dealer from whom the stamps were purchased noted that he had “never come across anything like this.” A search for information on this format yielded one Web site with scans of two similar sheets of real photo stamps from Massachusetts. The estimated date for these stamps was 1930s–1940s. The scan of the accompanying envelope that held the stamps was identical in style to the one in this collection.

Sources:

Albino, Donna. “Photo Stamps.” *A Postcard Collection of Mount Holyoke College* (<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/~dalbino/stamps.html>). Accessed 13 May 2004.

Rayman, Ronald. Personal correspondence, 1993.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a sheet of sixteen real photo (non-postage) stamps, the original envelope that held this sheet, and two loose duplicate real photo stamps that may have been attached to the corners on the front of the envelope. The photos are of various buildings and scenes in the city of South Bend, Indiana, and include some views of the University of Notre Dame.

The sheet measures 3 ½ x 5 ½ inches, with each photo stamp measuring about 7/8 x 1 3/8 inches. The back of the sheet is gummed, and there are perforations between each individual photo stamp.

The envelope measures 3 5/8 x 6 ½ inches, is pink, and has an oblong oval window in the lower half of the front. The front contains the following text: “16 Real Photo Stamps gummed and perforated of South Bend, Ind. Brugners News Corner, South Bend, Ind. --TEN CENTS --.”

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Gummed and perforated sheet of 16 real photo stamps with

CONTAINER

Photographs,

views of South Bend. Subjects of photos include: Wayne Street, U.S. Post Office, Court House, Sacred Heart Church, St. Mary's College, St. Mary's Lake, James Whitcomb Riley High School, Hoffman Hotel, and Bendix Airport. Views of the University of Notre Dame include the stadium, log chapel, and grotto, and views of the campus from across the lake.

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Two loose duplicate real photo stamps that may have been attached to the corners on the front of the envelope. The photos are of Wayne Street and an aerial view of the University of Notre Dame.

Photographs,
Folder 1

Original pink envelope, measuring 3 5/8 x 6 1/2 inches, with an oblong oval window in the lower half of the front. The front contains the following text: "16 Real Photo Stamps gummed and perforated of South Bend, Ind. Brugners News Corner, South Bend, Ind. --TEN CENTS --."

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3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
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5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.