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

GEN MSS 1465

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Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 1465

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

DATES: circa 1865-circa 1930

BULK DATES: circa 1880-circa 1914

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4.5 linear feet (19 boxes)

LANGUAGE(S): In 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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Administrative Information

Provenance


Information about Access

This collection is open for research.
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Cite As

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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Access Terms

This collection is indexed under the following access points in Orbis, the Yale University Library online catalog.

Subjects

Nees, Albert, 1836-1874.
Nees, Theodor.
A. Nees & Co.
Decorative paper --Germany --Aschaffenburg.
Marbled papers --Germany --Aschaffenburg.
Paper industry --Germany --Aschaffenburg.
Aschaffenburg (Germany) --Economic conditions --19th century.
Aschaffenburg (Germany) --Economic conditions --20th century.
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.

Authors

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