



Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No.: HRHS-142

COLLECTION TITLE: Reba Yancey Valentine Collection

DATES: 1881 - 1907

SIZE: 1 folder

DONOR: Reba Yancey

PROCESSED: Processed 03/31/2015

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Valentine's Day, also known as Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine is a celebration observed on February 14 each year. The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "*valentines*").

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection consists of beautifully decorated valentines from the late 19th century through to the early 20th century. Also included is a Christmas card from this period.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

Valentine card: To Reba from Thomas, February 1, 1907 (acc. 70.08.01)

Valentine card: To Reba from J. B, 6th grade (acc. 70.08.02)

Valentine card: not signed, February 14, 1881 (acc. 70.08.03)

Valentine card: To Reba from Grandpa and Grandma, February 14, 1907 (acc. 70.08.04)

Valentine card: From The Little Yanceys, no date (acc. 70.08.05)

Valentine card: no name or dates

Valentine card: no name or dates

Christmas card: To Dear Marie from her friend Jennie of Baltimore, no date

Embossed envelope front addressed to Miss Elizabeth Morrison, Harrisonburg, VA, date is possibly 1896