



Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No.: HRHS- 77

COLLECTION TITLE: Trading Stamps Collection

DATES: c. 1960's

SIZE: One folder

DONOR: Unknown

PROCESSED: Processed September 1, 2016 by K. Craun

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Trading stamps were given to customers by supermarkets, department stores, gas stations, and other retailers. These stamps had an adhesive back and could be pasted in stamp collection books. When a customer accumulated a number of completed stamp books, they could be exchanged with the trading stamp company for premiums, such as toys, personal items, housewares, furniture and appliances.

S&H Green Stamps were trading stamps popular in the United States from the 1930s until the late 1980s. They were distributed as part of a rewards program operated by the Sperry & Hutchinson company (S&H), founded in 1896 by Thomas Sperry and Shelley Byron Hutchinson.

While one of the most popular brand of trading stamps in the United States were the S&H Green Stamps, informally known as "green stamps", other larger brands included Top Value Stamps, Gold Bond Stamps, Plaid Stamps, Blue Chip Stamps, Buccaneer Stamps and Gold Strike Stamps.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection contains stamp books from S&H Green Stamps and Top Value Stamps, with stamps included.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

Folder 1: Stamp books from S&H Green Stamps and Top Value Stamps