

# **The City of Hudson Postcards collection From 1900 [bulk 1905-1910]**

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## **Descriptive Summary Notes:**

**Title:** The City of Hudson Postcards collection

**Date:** from 1900 [bulk 1905-1910]

**Abstract:**

This postcard collection contributes to the collective, visual memory dedicated to the City of Hudson, New York. Beginning in the early 20th Century, these records depict living spaces such as Hudson street scenes, buildings and landmarks, as well as infrastructures reflecting urban development (bridges, reservoirs, transportation, etc.) of the City.

**Administrative information**

**Accession number:** HPC2019-01

**Extent:** 0.4 linear feet (1 box)

**Repository:** Hudson Area Library

**Language (s):** materials are in English

**Access:** The collection is open for research

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**Preferred citation:** Hudson Postcards Collection, Hudson Area Library, Hudson, NY. **Acquisition**

**information:** Materials were donated by multiple donors over a period of time. **Accruals:** New materials are added to the collection as they are purchased or received from donors.

**Custodial history:** Each postcard is kept in an individual archival plastic sleeve. Each postcard had a black and white photocopy made and the copies are kept. The photocopying minimizes handling and security risks to the collection.

**Processing information:** Processed by Marie O'Toole in 2019 and updated in July 2021. 2

**Scope and Content of collection**

This collection, which dates from early 1900, includes hundreds of postcards collected by various donors. The postcards provide important visual information about many elements of the City of Hudson. They provide images of architecture and various types of buildings. Also, they contain a wide range of illustrations (drawings and photographic images) on subjects as varied as urbanization,

transportation, industrialization, education, health structures, events, and environment. The collection features postcards from a multitude of publishers, based mostly in New York State. Some of these postcards have been used for correspondence which gives us insights into the subject depicted on the postcards as well as into the lives of the residents. This collection is a valuable resource for researchers. Even though some postcards have suffered from inadequate storage conditions or poor paper quality, the vast majority of the collection is in fair/good condition and may be handled with appropriate precautions

### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in two series, each of which has been further arranged in subseries. Each subseries is arranged in folders in alphabetical order by categories.

#### **Series 1. The City of Hudson and Surroundings, from 1900**

This series contains a wide range of illustrations of buildings, landmarks, landscapes, activities pertaining to the City of Hudson mostly from the early 20th Century. In addition, the series shows the sectors and zoning districts in which the city was divided as per different function/activity such as industrial, residential, and institutional. The series is arranged in three subseries as follows:

- **Subseries 1.1. Historic Houses and Buildings**

The postcards in this subseries show significant historic houses and buildings throughout Hudson, including street scenes and environs (landscapes).

- **Subseries 1.2. Activities**

This subseries contains postcards illustrating the economic activity of the City and the advertising of some local businesses.

- **Subseries 1.3. Infrastructure**

This subseries depicts examples of transportation and water supply systems which are part of the urban scene of the City of Hudson.

#### **Series 2. Community and Events, from 1900**

The subseries includes notables and events in the social life and customs of Hudson that had an impact on the City. New acquisitions of postcards will be inserted in this series, as well as in different subseries.

- **Subseries 2.1. Social Life and Customs**

### **Related materials**

The following collection contains related materials:

- New York Heritage. Portal for learning more about the people, places and events that had

contributed to the making of New York State. <https://nyheritage.org>

- “Wish You Were Here: A Look Back at Life in Hudson through Vintage Postcards”, displayed at the Hudson Area Library from September to October 2018 and June 2019.

### **Indexing terms**

The following terms will be used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online public access catalog.

### **Subjects**

#### *Names and Places:*

Allen Street School Hudson N.Y.  
Armories New York (State)  
Atlas Cement Plant  
Auditorium D.A.R Building  
Bay Road  
Bunker Bridge  
Capt. Best and Non Commissioned Officers of Co. F 10 Rgt  
Cedar Park Cemetery  
Cedar Pond  
Cement Works Hudson, N.Y.  
Chancellor Livingston High School  
Chapel-State Training School  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Claverack Toll Gate  
Co. F 10 Rgt.  
Columbia County CourtHouse  
Columbia Turnpike, Route 23B  
Courthouse Park  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Day Line Steamer "Albany"  
East Allen Street  
Edmonds 1, Phoenix Hose  
Electric Park  
Elks'Club House  
Episcopal Church  
Ferryboat "Geo. H. Power  
Firemen's Association of the State of New York  
First M.E. Church  
First Universalist Church  
Fourth Street School  
Grammar School  
Green Street

HallenbeckTollGate  
Harte,FrancisBret  
HendrickHudsonSteamer

HenryHudsonCo. N4  
HouseofRefugeforWomenStateInstituteHudsonN.Y.  
Hudson (N.Y.)  
Hudson (N.Y.) - - Buildings, structures, etc. - - Pictorial works.  
Hudson - -Columbia County - - New York  
Hudson (N.Y.) - - Commerce - - History  
Hudson (N.Y.). Public Schools  
Hudson River (N.Y. and N.J.)  
Hudson River Lighthouse  
Hudson River Day Line Steamer. " Albany"  
Hudson River Day Line Steamer "Peter Stuyvesant"  
Hudson (N.Y.) - - Social life and Customs  
Knickerbocker Portland Cement Company  
Lodge No. 787, B.P.O. Elks  
Mount Ray Reservoir  
N.Y. State Training School for Girls  
Oakdale Lake  
Old Academy  
Orphan Asylum  
Playhouse (The)  
Presbyterian Church  
Promenade Hill and St. Winnifred Monument  
Reformed Church  
Rip Van Winkle Bridge  
Roman Catholic Church  
Seventh Street Park  
St. John's Hall  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
St Mary's Academy  
Sixth Street School  
Spook Lake  
Spook Rock  
Steamboat "Kaaterskill" (The)  
Steamboat "Mary Powell" (The)  
Underhill Lake  
Union Street  
United States Postal Service  
Y.M.C.A. Building  
Warren St.  
Warren St.East from Fifth St.  
Warren St. looking down from Fifth St.  
Warren St. looking down from 6th St.  
Warren St. looking down from Seventh St. Park.  
Warren St. and Worth House  
Willard Place  
Woodmen's Hall  
Worth Avenue

*Subjects:*

Architecture  
Bank  
Belfry  
Bird's-eye-view  
Boat  
Bridge  
BusinessandIndustry  
CementCompany  
CeremoniesandMilitaryParades  
Church  
CourtHouse  
DailyLife  
DaughtersoftheAmericanRevolution(D.A.R.)  
DrawingPostcard  
EducationalFacility  
ElectricPark  
ElksLodge  
EnvironmentandConservation  
Firemen'sHome  
Garage  
Garden  
Hospital  
Hotel  
Justice  
Landslide  
LakeandPond  
LandscapeandNature  
Lighthouse  
MasonicLodge  
OldFolks'Home  
Organization  
OperaHouse  
Orphanage  
Park  
PhotographicPostcard  
Playhouse  
Poet  
PostOffice  
PublicSquare  
Reservoir  
School  
Sculpture  
Soldier  
StoreandShop  
Street

TollBridge  
TollGate  
TownPump  
Transportation  
TrainStation  
YoungMen'sChristianAssociation(YMCA)

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*Publishers:*

A.C. Bosselman & Co., New York  
American News Company (The)  
Arthur Livingston, publisher, New York  
Bobbie's Flea Market  
Bryant Union Publishing Co.  
Chas W. Hughes  
Eugene A. Dowling, Hudson, N.Y.  
F.W. Woolworth Co.  
George Greenberg & Son, Catskill, N.Y.  
George J. Greenberg & Son, Merchandising Inc.  
H.L. Woehler  
Hudson River Day Line (The)  
Hugh C. Leighton Co. (The)  
Hugh C. Leighton Co., Manufacturers, Portland, Me.(The)  
Hugh C. Leighton Co., ME Manufacturers of Postal Cards Jaquins 5 and 10 cents store (The)  
Illustrated Postal Cards Co.  
Jinny & Wendy Neefus  
Joslen Tobacco Co.  
J. Ruben, Photograph  
Kingston News Service, Kingston, N.Y.  
Leighton & Valentine Co.  
Valentine & Sons' Publishing Co., LTD (The)  
Manhattan Post Card Publishing Co.  
National arts Views Co.  
Mwm  
Post Card Co., N.Y.  
Rotograph Company  
Ruben Publishing Co. (The)  
S.E. Jaquins, Hudson, N.Y.  
S. Langsdorf & Co., New York.  
Souvenir Post Card Co.  
Union News Company  
Valentine-Souvenir Co.  
W.B. Hale, Williamsville., Mass.  
William H. Ziesenitz

**Genres and Forms of Materials**

Postcards - - 20th century

**Index terms related to this collection**

## Container list of the collection

### Series 1. The City of Hudson and Surroundings, from 1900

0.4 linear feet (1box)

#### Subseries 1.1. Historic Houses and Buildings

##### Box 1 Folder Title

###### **Art-Entertainment**

Physical Description: 7 postcards

Electric Park, Opera House, Playhouse

###### **Business**

Physical Description: 7 postcards

Bank, Garage, Hotel

###### **Health and Social Structures**

Physical Description: 13 postcards

Hospital, Old Folks Home

###### **Institutional Structures**

Physical Description: 19 postcards

House of Refuge for Women (State Institute), Orphanage, School, Y.M.C.A

###### **Judicial structures**

Physical Description: 14 postcards

Court House

###### **Organizations**

Physical Description: 4 postcards

Elks Lodge, Masonic Lodge

###### **Public buildings**

Physical Description: 40 postcards

Armory, D.A.R, Firemen's Home, Fire Station, Lighthouse, Post Office



**Public places**

Physical Description: 72 postcards

Cedar Pond Cemetery, Promenade Hill, Public Square, Street View

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**Religious structures**

Physical Description: 20 postcards

Church

**Views of Hudson & environs**

Physical Description: 18 postcards

Bird's-eye view, Cedar Pond, Oakdale Lake, Underhill Lake, Spook Lake

## Subseries 1.2. Activities

**Box 1 Folder title****Industries**

Physical Description: 2 postcards

Cement Company, Knickerbocker's landslide

**Advertisement**

Physical Description: 6 postcards

## Subseries 1.3. Infrastructure

**Box 1 Folder title****Transportation**

Physical Description: 38 postcards

Boat, Bridge, Toll Gate, Train Station

**Water supply system**

Physical Description: 29 postcards

Belfry, Town Pump, Reservoir

**Series 2. Community & Events, from 1900**

5 items

**Subseries 2.1 Social Life and Customs****Box 1 Folder title****Ceremonies and Military Parades**

Physical Description: 4 postcards

Photograph of military group

**Notables**

Physical Description: 1 postcard

Birthplace of Francis Bret Harte, Poet

