

Concordia University Berta and Elmer Hader Illustrations Collection, 1919-1961

Overview of the Collection

Title	Concordia University Berta and Elmer Hader Illustrations Collection
Dates	1919-1961 (inclusive) 1919 1961
Quantity	16.0 cubic feet
Collection Number	RG 20/01
Summary	Collection of Hader illustrations, cards, sketches, paper dolls, proofs, books, photographs, and personal papers.
Repository	Concordia University Northwest District (LCMS) Archives 2811 NE Holman St. Portland, OR 97211-6099 Telephone: 503-280-8507 library@cu-portland.edu
Access Restrictions	The collection is available for research by appointment.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Elmer Stanley Hader (1889-1973) and Berta Hoerner Hader (ca. 1890-1976) were authors and illustrators of books for children. Their book, *The Big Snow* (New York: Macmillan, 1948), earned the Caldecott Award in 1949. The Haders also illustrated books for other authors, and Elmer Hader created four dust jackets for the works of John Steinbeck.

Content Description

The Collection contains book illustrations and greeting cards in addition to many paper dolls. Some items have moving parts. It also includes books illustrated by the Haders, large banner-sized posters, as well as personal papers and photographs.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in sixteen series as follows:

- Series 1: Finger Dolls
- Series 2: Stand-Up Dolls
- Series 3: Tootsie Dolls
- Series 4: Dolly Round the World
- Series 5: Action Toys
- Series 6: Peep Boxes
- Series 7: Miscellaneous Black and White Originals
- Series 8: Miscellaneous Color Originals
- Series 9: Book Illustration Originals
- Series 10: Preliminary Christmas Cards
- Series 11: Final Christmas Cards
- Series 12: Proofs
- Series 13: Miscellaneous Original Sketches
- Series 14: Hader Personal (letters, personal cards, house plans, sketches), Photos
- Series 15: Sketch-a-minute
- Series 16: Books

Each series has a catalog.

Acquisition Information

The collection was a gift from Joy Hoerner Rich.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Finger Dolls

Description	Dates
143: Nancy and her new skates (January). Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , January 1924.	1924

Description	Dates
144: Little Ellen is queen of the May party (May). Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , May 1924.	1924
145: Ann goes to Sunday School picnic (June). Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , June 1924.	1924
146: Alice spends July on Grandma's farm (July). Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , July 1924.	1924
147: Betty goes to the beach in August. Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , August 1924.	1924
148: Little Maryjane (October). Original watercolor artboard (framed). Similar to #118. Preliminary version (?) for <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , October 1925.	1925
149: Sister Priscilla (November). Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , November 1923.	1923
150: Caroline goes to China (October). Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , October 1924.	1924
151: Bonnie Bessie lives in Scotland (November) Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , November 1924.	1924
152: Marjorie from across the street (December). Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , December 1923.	1923
154: "May I be your valentine?" says cousin Anne (Valentine). Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , February 1924.	1924
154B: Hildegard lives in Holland. Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , January 1925.	1925
107: Miriam has a happy Easter (Spring).	1924

Description	Dates
Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , April 1924.	
158: This is the way Ruth goes to school (school girl). Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , September 1924.	1924
159: Dolly and her puppy (elves and puppy). Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , March 1924.	1924
160: Katrinka, the little Russian (Russia). Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , December 1924.	1924
14A: Little red-headed girl at seashore. Original watercolor artboard.	undated
108: Boy in sailor suit, brunette girl with doll. Original watercolor artboard (framed).	undated
118: Little Maryjane (Halloween) Original watercolor artboard. Similar to #148. First published in <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , October 1923.	1923

Series 2: Stand-Up Dolls

Description	Dates
7: Dutch boy & girl. Original watercolor artboard (framed).	undated
6: Town & country series paperdolls: with lamb & dogs. Original watercolor artboard (framed).	undated
12: Boy at seashore. Original watercolor artboard (framed).	undated
120A: Fuzzy furies (bear family). Original watercolor artboard (framed).	undated

Series 3: Tootsie Dolls

Series 4: Dolly Round the World

Series 5: Action Toys

Description	Dates
155A: Slim and Sli and the Baby Elephant. Original watercolor/gouache artboard (framed). First published in <i>McCall's</i> , March 1924.	1924

Series 6: Peep Boxes

Description	Dates
112: Pin 'n' peep shoebox: little red riding hood. Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Pictorial Review</i> , September 1925.	1925
115: Pin 'n' peep shoebox: three blind mice. Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Pictorial Review</i> , March 1925.	1925
117: Pin 'n' peep shoebox: goose girl. Original watercolor artboard (framed). First published in <i>Pictorial Review</i> , October 1925.	1925
155: Three bears peep box. Original watercolor artboard (framed).	undated
156: Beauty and the beast peep box. Original watercolor artboard (framed).	undated
157: Rapunzel peep box (or, Beauty sleeps peep box). Original watercolor artboard (framed).	unpublished

Series 7: Miscellaneous Black and White Originals

Description	Dates
36: Boy with rocking elephant. Original pen-and-ink illustration (framed).	undated
39: Dr. Livingston, I presume. Original pen-and-ink illustration (framed); proof copy.	undated
41: Serpent views man in boat.	undated

Description	Dates
Original pen-and-ink illustration (framed).	
44: Latino couple sitting on curb. Original pen-and-ink illustration composed of dots (framed).	undated
45: Explorer and two African assistants by water. Original pen-and-ink illustration (framed).	undated
165: Rooster. Original pen-and-ink illustration (framed).	undated
230: Tommy Thatcher goes to sea. Original full size pen-and-ink illustration for frontispiece for book <i>Tommy Thatcher goes to Sea</i> (framed).	undated

Series 8: Miscellaneous Color Originals

Description	Dates
9: Mary, Mary, quite contrary. Original watercolor artboard (framed).	undated
153: Man in white suit carving pumpkin. Original watercolor artboard (framed).	undated
161: Breakfast in bed (Elmer as Santa). Original watercolor/gouache artboard (framed).	undated
162: Pink car with Police (Berta and Elmer in green car?) Original watercolor/gouache artboard (framed).	undated
164: Lion cub. Original poster paint on Kraft paper (framed).	undated
164A: Bully butter. Original of full size black-and-white art for frontispiece for book <i>Tommy Thatcher Goes to Sea</i> (framed).	undated
164B: Green and gold. Tempura poster paint on Kraft paper (framed). Most probably done by Elmer while Berta made a verbal presentation to a group.	undated

Series 9: Book Illustration Originals

Series 10: Preliminary Christmas Cards

Series 11: Final Christmas Cards

Description	Dates
XC1: Christmas card. Black ink (printed) with hand-painted watercolor (framed).	1920
XC3: Christmas card Black ink (printed) with hand-painted watercolor (framed).	1922
XC4: Christmas card. Black ink (printed) with hand-painted watercolor (framed).	1923
XC11: Christmas card. Black ink (printed) with hand-painted watercolor (framed).	1931
XC18: Christmas card. Lino-print in black, red, yellow, and blue (framed). Theme: Tommy Thatcher goes to sea.	1937
XC20: Christmas card. Lino-print in black, red, and green; with hand-painted watercolor (framed). Theme: Cock-a-doodle-doo.	1939
XC21: Christmas card. Lino-print in black, red, and green; with hand-painted watercolor (framed). Theme: The cat and the kitten.	1940
XC29A,B: Christmas card. Lino-print in black and green; with hand-painted watercolor (framed). Two different hand-painted versions. Theme: Big snow.	1948
XC31: Christmas card. Lino-print in black and red; with hand-painted watercolor (framed). Theme: Squirrely of Willow Hill.	1950
XC38: Christmas card. Lino-print in black and red; with hand-painted watercolor (framed). Theme: Ding, dong, bell.	1957
XC40: Christmas card. Lino-print in black and red; with hand-painted watercolor (framed). Theme: Reindeer trail.	1959

Description	Dates
XC43: Christmas card. Lino-print in black and red; with hand-painted watercolor (framed). Theme: Show in the city.	1963
XC46: Christmas card. Lino-print in black, red, and green; with hand-painted watercolor (framed). Theme: Astronauts with umbilical cord.	1966
XC53: Christmas card. Lino-print in black, red, and green; with hand-painted watercolor (framed). Theme: Two deer; no Berta & Elmer; yellow star above house.	1973
XC55: Christmas card. Lino-print in black and green; with hand-painted watercolor (framed). Theme: Solo angel; yellow star above house.	1975

Series 12: Proofs

Series 13: Miscellaneous Original Sketches

Series 14: Hader Personal Records

Series 15: Sketch-a-minute

Series 16: Books

Names and Subjects

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