

University of Sheffield Library. *Special Collections and Archives*

Ref: **PE 30**

Title: **Valentine cards**

Scope: *Valentine cards, mostly from the United States, dating from the 1940s*

Dates: c.1830, 1945-1949

Level: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Name of creator: Vanessa Toulmin

Administrative / biographical history:

The collection comprises 38 Valentine cards, mostly dating from the 1940s, and originating from the United States. One card dates from around 1830.

The cards were purchased by Professor Vanessa Toulmin from 'Rare and Racy' bookshop I, Sheffield and donated to the National Centre for English Cultural Tradition at the University of Sheffield in 1994/1995. They were then transferred to the Special Collections Department in the University Library in 2008.

Source: Donated in 1994/1995

System of arrangement: As received

Subjects: Valentines

Names: Toulmin, Vanessa

Conditions of access: Available to all researchers, by appointment

Restrictions: None

Copyright: University of Sheffield

Finding aids: Listed

Listing

1. Elephant. "To Nephew on Valentine's Day". Signed. Hallmark Card, copyright 1947
2. Kitten. "A Valentine for Daughter". Signed. Hallmark Card, copyright 1949
3. Small boy and puppy. "I'm saving my heart for you Valentine". Signed. "Made in U.S.A."
4. Small girl fishing. "Valentine ... I don't seem to be able to 'cut any ice' with you – why won't you be mine?" Signed. "Made in U.S.A."
5. Toy horse. "Hi Valentine". Signed. Hallmark Card, copyright 1945
6. Child and Cupid. "To my Valentine. Cupid surely will trust me, if my Valentine you'll be". Signed
7. Cherub and heart. Signed. Whitney Made
8. Small girl and doll. "Say Valentine, it would be jolly if you would be my little 'Dolly'". Signed. Made in U.S.A.
9. Doll. "Please 'chews' me, Valentine". Gibson Cinti., U.S.A. [c.1940]
10. Small girl with ice cream and teddy bear. "Why so cold, my Valentine?" Signed. A-meri-card, made in U.S.A.
11. Small boy. "I frown and fret! I'm all upset!"
12. Panda. "Heart-o-gram Be my Valentine". Signed. A-meri-card, made in U.S.A.
13. Small girl and owl. "Come on! Get wise, my Valentine!" A-meri-card, made in U.S.A.
14. Child with envelope. Signed
15. Puppy. "A Valentine message". Signed. Hallmark Card, copyright 1945
16. Small girl with pram. "To my Valentine". Signed
17. Girl with card. "For the one I love". Signed. Whitney Made
18. Small boy and girl. "To my Valentine". Signed. Whitney Made
19. Boy, girl and tree. "This Valentine carved on a tree .." Signed. A-meri-card
20. Girl in bonnet
21. Small girl in fabric dress. "To my Valentine"

22. Boy and girl. "I'm yours to 'command'! Please 'understand' – Valentine". Signed
23. Two rabbits. "Who could resist a Valentine like you?" Signed
24. Small girl with piggy bank. "I luv you! Can I bank on you Valentine". Signed. A-meri-card, made in U.S.A.
25. Bear with drum. "Here I come". Made in U.S.A. *This is a Christmas card*
26. Girl with bouquet. "Hand it to me straight Will you be my Valentine?" Signed
27. Boy and dog. "Don't let me lead a dog's life – be my Valentine". Signed. Made in U.S.A.
28. Small boy fishing. "Valentine I'd like to get a line on you". Signed. Made in U.S.A.
29. Small boy with magnifying glass. "I'm on your trail Valentine". Signed. Made in U.S.A.
30. Books and flowers. "A Valentine for my boyfriend". J.S. Pub. Corp. Made in U.S.A.
31. Small boy with megaphone. "Hip! Hip! Hooray! I'll give a cheer if you will be my Valentine dear". A-meri-card
32. Small boy and girl on tricycle. "With best wishes. For my Valentine that's you". Whitney Made
33. Boy and girl with ducks. "Don't duck the question. Be my Valentine". Made in U.S.A.
34. Child in heart. Signed. Whitney Made
35. Small girl with lollipop and movable tongue. "I'm 'sweet' on you. Be my Valentine!". Signed. Made in U.S.A.
36. Girl with fan. "My Valentine". Signed. A-meri-card
37. Girl with card. "Here's a Valentine with punch!" Signed. Made in U.S.A.
38. Man and woman in medieval? dress. [c.1830]