

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Helen F. Copley, author of *The Christy Quest* (1999), spent over a decade researching the life and career of American artist Howard Chandler Christy (1873-1952). Throughout the research process, Copley gathered a comprehensive collection of Christy's book and magazine illustration dating from 1899 until the artist's death in 1952. In addition, she organized an extensive collection of her personal research files pertaining to Christy's life and career.

For an overview of the Howard Chandler Christy Papers at Lafayette College and biographical information on the artist, see <https://sites.lafayette.edu/christypapers/>.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The collection (12 boxes and 1 flat file drawer; 8.5 linear feet) is organized into three series:

**Series I. Illustration** (box 1-6; flat file A13) contains original Christy illustrations from books, magazines, and programs; individual prints sold as collections or singly; postcards; advertisements; and files containing reproductions and supporting documents relating to posters, paintings, and murals. Folders are arranged alphabetically.

**Series II. Objects and Ephemera** (box 7-8) contains ceramic dishware, tins, wooden boxes, etc., illustrated with Christy drawings. Most objects are contemporary with Christy's career (first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century) and were manufactured during the height of the popularity of the Christy Girl in American homes. Like objects are stored together by medium.

**Series III. Research Files** (box 9-12) contains research files generated by Copley during her years collecting Christy artwork and resources on the artist's life and career. Files are arranged alphabetically and major categories include Christy EBay sales, ca. 2000-2005, as well as printed emails and written correspondence documenting Copley's research.

## **PROVENANCE**

In the summer of 2017, Helen Copley donated her extensive collection of Christy illustration and research papers to Lafayette College.

## **INVENTORY**

### **Series I. Illustration**

#### Box 1

American Friends of Britain (AF of B), 1941 [playing card]

The American Legion, Madison Square Garden, Oct. 4, 1919 [program cover]

The American Legion Monthly, Oct. 1926 [cover]

The American Legion Monthly, Jan. 1927 [cover]

The American Legion Monthly, Feb. 1927 [cover]

The American Legion Monthly, Mar. 1927 [cover]

The American Legion Monthly, Apr. 1927 [cover]

The American Legion Monthly, May 1927 [cover]

The American Legion Monthly, June 1927 [cover]  
The American Legion Monthly, July 1927 [cover]  
The American Legion Monthly, Aug. 1927 [cover]  
The American Legion Monthly, Sept. 1927 [cover]  
The American Legion Monthly, Oct. 1927 [cover]  
The American Legion Monthly, Nov. 1927 [cover]  
The American Legion Monthly, Dec. 1927 [cover]  
The American Legion Monthly, Feb. 1928 [cover]  
The American Legion Weekly, Jun. 16, 1922 [cover]  
American Weekly [18 covers]

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“Americans All” Poster Miniature, April 20, 1919 [2 editions]

Army vs. Navy, 1936 [program cover]

Army vs. Navy, 1938 [program cover]

Army vs. Notre Dame, 1938 [program cover]

The Army Girl, 1906 [book plate]

At the Play, 1907

Beach, Rex. “The Ne’er-Do-Well.” 1910 [book cover]

Beach, Rex. “The Ne’er-Do-Well.” *Everybody’s Magazine* (Dec. 1910-Jul.1911).

Beckmesser

Books illustrated by HCC [advertisements]

Brady, Cyrus Townsend. “A Syndicate Hero.” *Scribner’s* 34 (Nov. 1903): 557-560.

Brady, Cyrus Townsend. “In Oklahoma.” *Scribner’s* 34 (Feb. 1902).

Brush, Mary Isabel. “My Money-Spoiled Husband.” *Good Housekeeping* (May 1913).

Cable, George. W. “The Clock in the Sky.” *Scribner’s* (Aug. 1901): 327-332.

Calendar, 1902

Calendar, 1911

Calendar, 1919

Calendars [advertisements]

See oversize Box 3

Camp Fire Girls (Apr. 1925 [cover]

“The Capture of the Block-House, San Juan.” 1899

“The Capture of El Caney.” 1899

Chambers, Robert W. “Amourette.” *Hampton’s* (May 1911): 531-547.

Chambers, Robert W. “Ex Curia.” *Scribner’s* (Aug. 1904).

Chambers, Robert W. “The Hidden Children.” *Cosmopolitan* (Nov. 1913-Sept. 1914).

Charity Carnival of 1932 “Adventure” [program cover]

Chester, George Randolph. “Skeezicks.” *McClure’s* (Aug. 1905): 354-365.

Christmas 1914 [Navy]

Christmas Card Collection [greeting cards]

Christmas Card Collection [cover]

Christmas Greeting “From the Corps” [Navy]

Columbus Dispatch, Nov. 1945 [article on HCC]

- Corbin, John. "The Lights and Stars of Broadway." *Scribner's* (Feb. 1905).  
Cutting, Mary S. "In the Reign of Quintellia." *Harpers' Bazar* (June 1902).  
"A Dainty Hand," 1907  
The Dance, 1903 [book plate]  
Daskam, Josephine Dodge. "Mrs. Dud's Sister." *Harper's Monthly* (1901): 279-286.  
Davis, R. H. "The Lion and the Unicorn." *Scribner's* (Aug. 1899).  
Duer, Alice and Henry Wise Miller. "The Lion's Mouth." *Scribner's* (Dec. 1900).  
Duvall, E. "The Fourth Gentleman." *Harper's* (July 1901).  
Enna-Jetticks Shoes [advertisement]  
*Everybody's Magazine* (June 1909) [cover]  
A Fair Chauffeur, 1903 [book plate]  
Fernald, Chester Bailey. "The Tragedy of the Comedy." *Century Magazine* (n.d.)  
Ford, Paul Leicester. "Wanted: A Match-Maker." *Harper's Monthly* (Sept. 1900): 497-518.  
"A Fourth of July Lawn Fete – Inflating the Balloon," 1919  
Gates, Eleanor. "The Sky Burglar." *Good Housekeeping* (Nov. 1911).  
Gates, Eleanor. "Smarty." *Good Housekeeping* (Apr. 1913).  
Gates, Eleanor. "Soothsaying For Sue." *Good Housekeeping* (July 1912).  
Glimpses of the Summer Girl, 1905 [cover plate]  
The Golf Girl, 1900 [book plate]  
The Hand Embroidered Way, 1915 [Royal Society pamphlet]  
Hart, Frances Noyes. "The Happy Ending." *McCall's* (Oct. 1924): 12-13.  
"He tugged at his fob, bringing to the surface a small gold watch," 1902.  
Hibbard, George. "The Journal of a Millionaire." *Century Magazine* (Nov. 1912): 97-106.  
Hibbard, George. "The Marvels of Science." *Scribner's* (Apr. 1901).  
Hibbard, George. "A Vehicle of Love." *McClure's* (Aug. 1901).  
*The Home Magazine* (Nov. 1906) [cover].  
"His Real Audience," 1904  
Hope, Anthony. "More Dolly Dialogues." *McClure's* (Dec. 1900-Sept. 1901).  
Hope, Anthony. "More Dolly Dialogues." *McClure's* (May 1901): 1-7.  
Hopper, James. "The Cub, the Girl, and the Little Gray Nurse." *Hearst's* (Mar. 1913): 359-370.  
Hough, Emerson. "The Castle Builders." *Good Housekeeping* (June 1913).  
"An Hour With Art," 1904  
"His First Love," 1905  
"Holiday Festivities at the U.S. Military Academy..." n.d.  
Hughes, Rupert. "Mother's Love Letter." *Good Housekeeping* (May 1912).  
Hughes, Rupert. "Soles for Sale." *Red Book* (1921): misc. issues and pages.  
Hutchison, Woods. "All is Not Cold That Shivers." *Good Housekeeping* (Dec. 1912).  
"I have brought the sheets of the new Shelley book, Miss Le Breton." 1902.  
"I hope you don't mind my speaking to you. I'm awfully lonesome." 1910.  
Illustrated Journals [misc.]  
    See oversize  
Illustrated Postcards [advertisements]  
    See also oversize

Illustrated Collections or Individuals for Sale [advertisements]

See also oversize

Johnson, Owen. "The Lie." *Good Housekeeping* (Aug. 1912).

Jesus

Jones, G. F. "Clara's Vocation." *Scribner's* (June 1901): 719-726.

"Kiss me once so that I may never forget," 1911

"The Lady of the Lake"

*Ladies' Home Journal* [covers]

See oversize box

"The Landing at Guanica," 1899

"A Lantern Flashed Blindingly in my Face."

[Leopards] 1911.

*Life* (Apr. 4, 1930) [cover & Christy Girl contest].

Lifebuoy, 1924 [advertisement]

See also oversize box

"Little Game of Fate," 1901

London, Jack. "The Little Lady of the Big House." *Cosmopolitan* (Apr. 1915): 482-487.

London, Jack. "The Valley of the Moon." *Cosmopolitan* (Apr. 1913-Nov. 1913).

Louis Sherry Chocolates, 1923-24 [advertisements].

Lucky Strike Cigarettes [advertisements & ephemera].

MacGowan and Strong. "Being Engaged to Polly." *Good Housekeeping* (Nov. 1913).

MacGowan and Strong. "The Best Man." *Good Housekeeping* (Aug. 1913).

Magruder, Julia. "Harry of England." *Scribner's* (Nov. 1902).

Major, Charles. "The Dilemma of Mary Ruth." *Good Housekeeping* (Feb. 1913).

"Making Hay," 1905

Manuscripts [misc.]

## Box 2

Martin, Edward. "The Courtship of a Careful Man." *Harper's* (Jan. 1902).

Martin, Edward. "A Party at Madiera's." *Harper's* (Sept. 1901).

"Max, you are going to stay here?" 1901

*McCall's* (Nov. 1918) [cover]

See oversize box

*McCall's* (Jan. 1922) [cover]

See oversize box

McCutcheon, George B. "When Girl Meets Girl" *Good Housekeeping* (June 1912).

"The Men Behind the Gun," 1917

Men of the Army & Navy, 1899 [loose plate]

See oversize box

Merrick, L. "The Celebrity at Home." *Good Housekeeping* (Jan. 1913).

Merwin, Samuel. "The Devil is Sick." *Cosmopolitan* (Apr. 1917); 43-50; 104-107.

Merwin, Samuel. "Now, Fido!" *Cosmopolitan* (Dec. 1916): 36-41; 158-165.

Merwin, Samuel. "The Passionate Pilgrim." *Cosmopolitan* (Feb. 1919).

- Miller, Alice D. "The Penalty of Greatness." *Scribner's* (Sept. 1904).  
Miscellaneous [oversize & mounted/matted]  
    See oversize box
- Miscellaneous [untitled]  
    See also oversize box
- Miscellaneous Advertisements & Product Endorsements  
    See oversize box
- Miscellaneous Illustrated Journals  
    See oversize box
- Mistletoe, 1905 [book plate]
- Morris, Gouverneur. "The Penalty." *Cosmopolitan* (Aug. 1912): 292-305.
- Morris, Gouverneur. "The Penalty." *Cosmopolitan* (Oct. 1912-Apr. 1913).
- Motor* (Apr. 1916) [cover]
- Motor* (Dec. 1922) [cover]
- Motor* (Aug. 1923) [cover]
- "Music and Life." *Scribner's* (Mar. 1904).
- Navy Illustrations [misc.]
- The National Sunday Magazine* (Oct. 1914) [cover].
- Nazimova, Alla [actress & HCC model]  
"The York Horse Show..." n.d.
- O'Higgins, Harvey J. "The Nurse." *Good Housekeeping* (July 1913).  
"Old Dog Tray"
- Ollivant, Alfred. "The Cleansing of the Lie." *Harper's* (Aug. 1901).
- On the Beach, 1903 [book plate]
- Oppenheim, E.P. "The Storming of Eve." *Good Housekeeping* (Oct. 1912).
- Osbourne, Lloyd. "Old Dog Tray." *McClure's* (Oct. 1905): 623-630.
- Our Honeymoon, ca. 1913
- Park Lane Café [mural]
- Perry, James R. "My Love-Story." *Scribner's* (Aug. 1900): 209-219.
- Phillips, David Graham. "The Price She Paid." *Cosmopolitan*. (Oct. 1911-Jan. 1912).
- Phillips, David Graham. "The Price She Paid." *Cosmopolitan*. (Feb. 1912- Jul. 1912).
- Phillips, David Graham. "The Story of Susan Lenox..." *Hearst's* (Sept. 1916): 144-186.
- Photographs [misc.]
- Postcards
- Posters [originals & repros.]  
    See Flat File Drawer A13
- Product Endorsements – HCC  
    See also oversize box
- Product Endorsements – NPC  
    See also oversize box
- "Receiving His Orders." 1906.  
    See oversize box
- Roach, Lorin J. "A Mistake in the Count." *Century* (May 1901): 48-52.

- Roche, A. S. "Alms of Love." *Redbook* (Mar. 1924): 67-71; 129-130.
- Roof, Katherine M. "The Stepmother." *Century Magazine* (July 1911).  
"Roses" & "Somebody"
- Rough Riders, articles on
- Ruhl, Arthur. "A Break in Training." *Scribner's* 32 (Aug. 1902): 177-188.  
*The Semi-Monthly Magazine Section*, Oct. 13, 1912.  
"She had to perfect the art of holding the centre of the stage," 1904  
"She lifted the ring out and I slipped it along her finger..." 1913  
"She loves a sailor," 1913  
"She wears a rose in her hair..." n.d.  
"She wrote a letter with her eyes..." [4 illustrations]
- Smith, F. Hopkins. "Doc-Shipman's Fee." *The Delineator* (Dec. 1902): 984-990.  
"The Spring Drive," 1917  
    See oversize box
- Sousa, J. P. "Stars and Stripes Forever." 1949 [sheet music cover]  
"Spaniards Surprised at Colonel Huling's Regiment in their Flight From Coamo." 1899.  
"The Steamboat Orchestra"  
*Sunday Magazine of the Denver Republican*, Oct. 2, 1910 [cover].  
*Sunday Magazine of the New York Tribune*, Mar. 7, 1909 [cover].  
*Sunday Magazine of the New York Tribune*, Jun. 6, 1909 [cover].  
*Sunday Magazine of the New York Tribune*, Jul. 24, 1910 [cover].  
*Sunday Magazine of the Sunday Record Herald*, Jul. 19 1908 [cover].  
"The Supreme Moment Before Santiago," 1898  
    See oversize box
- The Sweet Girl-Graduate, 1906.
- Tarkington, B. "Truth is Stranger than Fiction." *Good Housekeeping* (Sept. 1912).  
The Teasing Girl
- Thanet, O. "The Object of the Federation." *Scribner's* (Aug. 1901).
- Thanet, O. "Max-or his Picture." *Scribner's* (Dec. 1899).
- Thomas, A. E. "The Wooden Indian." *Scribner's* (Jan. 1902): 66-74.
- Tompkins, J. W. "Pleasures & Palaces." *Scribner's* (Nov. 1911-Mar. 1912).
- Townsend, F. "The Ghost that was Cold." *Good Housekeeping* (Mar. 1913).
- Unknown woman [portrait]
- United States Fleet Ball, 1934 [program cover]  
"Vacation Proposal," 1913  
A Veritable Queen," 1906 [book plate]
- Vorse, M. H. "The Albatross." *Good Housekeeping* (Feb.).
- Ward, Mrs. Humphrey. "Lady Rose's Daughter." *Harper's* (May 1902-Apr.1903).
- Warwick, Anne. "Anne – Just a Plain Woman." *Harper's* (Feb. 1911).
- Warwick, Anne. "Gladys-Marie-Merely a Maid." *Harper's* (Apr. 1911).
- Warwick, Anne. "Sheila-Simply a Society Person." *Harper's* (May 1911).
- Warwick, Anne. "Timothy-Only a Writer." *Harper's* (Mar. 1911).
- Warwick, Anne. "Chalmers-Cleary a Club-man." *Harper's* (Jul. 1911).

Waterbury, J. B. "His Primeval Conscience." *Harper's* (Jul. 1902).  
We the People, 1937 [Sesquicentennial of the Constitution program]  
Where The Flag Lead We Follow – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit (May 27, 1945) [program cover]  
"The Whole World," 1909  
Wilson, Woodrow. "Colonies and Nation." *Harper's* (Jul. 1901).

Oversize materials filed in Boxes 3-6 and Flat File A13

## **Series II. Objects and Ephemera**

### Boxes 7-8

3 ceramic mugs  
5 ceramic plates  
8 Lucky Strike metal tobacco/cigarette containers  
1 metal cookie tin  
1 Christy wooden cigar box  
1 United States Capitol Christmas ornament (Signing of the Constitution)

## **III. Research files**

### Box 9

Ebay ca. 2000 June - July  
Ebay ca. 2000 August - September  
Ebay ca. 2000 October - December  
Ebay ca. 2001 January - May  
Ebay ca. 2001 June – December  
Ebay ca. 2002 January - July  
Ebay ca. 2002 August - December  
Ebay ca. 2003  
Ebay ca. 2004 January - May  
Ebay ca. 2004 June – December  
Ebay ca. 2005  
Emails: A-C (last name)  
Emails: D-E (last name)  
Emails: F-H (last name)  
Emails: I-K (last name)  
Emails: L-M (last name)  
Emails: N-P (last name)  
Emails: Q-R (last name)  
Emails: S (last name)  
Emails: T-V (last name)  
Emails: W-Z (last name)  
Address Lists  
Directory

Correspondence: A-C  
Correspondence: D-G  
Correspondence: H-N  
Correspondence: O-R  
Correspondence: S  
Correspondence: T-Z  
Correspondence Logs  
Inventory

Box 10

Autographs  
Contract with Destiny: "The Christy Quest"  
Christy Biography: Illustrations Considered A-L  
Christy Biography: Illustrations Considered M-Z  
Christy Biography: Illustrations Considered "Miscellaneous Pictures"  
Publicity and Quotes  
Rights and Reproduction  
Correspondence from Research Binder  
Correspondence from Research Binder Folder II  
Research Notes  
Biography Research: Virginia Lee Folder I  
Biography Research: Virginia Lee Folder II  
"Foundation for a Course in Miracles" and Lafayette College  
Funding: Steve Martin, Bernadette Press  
Lotus Club  
Madonna of the Trail  
Christy Research: American Illustrations Galleries Folder I  
Christy Research: American Illustrations Galleries Folder II  
Genealogy  
The Crucifixion  
Prodigy  
Annapolis  
Louisiana  
New York '97  
Notes from trips: Escondido, Boston '97  
Notes from trips: California  
Notes from trip: Kentucky  
Notes from second Washington trip  
Biographies  
Letters to Elise Ford, Christy  
Book for Elise  
Lists of Works



**Copley, Helen, Christy Collection,  
1899-2005**

**Skillman Library  
Lafayette College**

Box 11

American Red Cross  
Hotel des Artistes Café  
Banesville Art Center  
Bulkeley  
Jean Christy  
Christy Correspondence  
DuPont  
Jocelyn Green  
University of Georgia Museum of Art  
Gilcrease Museum  
Fannie Hurst  
Milton Justice  
Ray Kinstler  
Library of Congress  
Library Resource Folder  
General Longstreet  
MacArthur Story  
Charles Martignette  
John McDaniel  
D. McNaughton  
Arnold Newman  
Lincoln Oliphant  
Parrish Art Museum  
Polly Pedjoe  
Claude Pepper Foundation  
Sigrid Piroch  
National Portrait Gallery  
Frank Ralbovsky  
Walt Reed  
Rickenbacker  
Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Rough Rider  
Urania Christy Tarbet  
Bascom Timmons  
Annette Trembley  
M. Wanamaker  
Sean West  
Upper West Side Story  
Newspaper and Magazine Clippings  
Postcards  
Programs  
Reproductions

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**Skillman Library  
Lafayette College**

Holly Chandler Photo Album  
Personal Photos  
Christy Scrapbook

Box 12

Audio/Visual/Electronic materials:

- 26 audio cassettes
- 2 VHS tapes
- 1 floppy disk