

Finding Aid to the Doll Collectors of America (DCA), Inc. Records, 1856-2018

Summary Information

Title: Doll Collectors of America (DCA), Inc. records

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Abstract: The Doll Collectors of America (DCA), Inc. records are a compilation of organizational records, reference materials, scrapbooks, and ephemera from members of the DCA. The bulk of the materials are dated between 1935 and 1996.

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Controlled Access Terms

Personal Names

- Abbott, Jennie L.
- Andrews, Alice
- Beachy, Anna O.
- Coleman, Elizabeth Ann
- Dickinson, Velvalee
- Donoghue, Elizabeth
- Hosmer, Herbert H.

- Merrill, Madeline O.
- Popp, Maurine
- Ravca, Bernard
- Wood, Amy Louise

Corporate Names

- Doll Collectors of America, Inc.
- Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum
- Toy Cupboard Museum
- Wenham Museum

Subjects

- Doll history
- Dollmakers
- Dolls
- Dolls -- Collectibles
- Dolls -- Collectors and collecting
- Dolls -- History

Historical Note

The Doll Collectors of America, Inc. is an organization established in Boston, Massachusetts in November 1935 with the purpose of promoting the study of dolls, sharing information about the origin and history of dolls, and encouraging the collection and preservation of dolls. Founding members included Amy Louise Wood, Gertrude R. Husk, Hattie Elliott Johnson, Eleanor Hudson, Grace F. Garland, Blanche E. Eaton, Mary Bradford Stevens, Jessie M. Ramsbottom, and Jennie L. Abbott. The first DCA exhibit was held at the Winchester Public Library in Winchester, Massachusetts in May 1938. Since its inception, membership to the DCA requires an application, sponsor letters, and keen interest in collecting, studying, and preserving antique dolls.

The DCA holds monthly executive board and general membership meetings, which are often supplemented with guest speakers or programs. The organization publishes *The Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin* six times per year. The Annual Meeting is typically held over a weekend in early November and includes an annual auction, a banquet, doll sales, exhibitions, discussions, a business meeting, and much more. (Over time, the DCA archives and reference library materials have been housed at the Toy Cupboard Museum and the Wenham Museum before settling at The Strong.) The DCA remains the oldest doll collectors' club in the United States with active members all around the country.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The Doll Collectors of America (DCA), Inc. records are a compilation of organizational records, reference files, scrapbooks, and ephemera from members. Organizational materials include membership applications, meeting minutes, programs, treasurer reports and financial documents, correspondence, publications, and other information on the history of the DCA. Reference files were compiled and maintained by DCA members. Scrapbooks, photographs, and ephemera were created by members of the DCA and donated to the organization. (Library materials, such as books and published pamphlets, have been transferred to the library stacks at The Strong.) The bulk of the materials are dated between 1935 and 1999. Additional information can be found under the Contents List section of this finding aid.

The Doll Collectors of America (DCA), Inc. records are arranged into six series, one of which has been further divided into subseries. The materials are housed in 18 archival document boxes, 2 index card boxes, and 5 large flat storage boxes.

Related Materials

The *Doll Collectors Manuals* series published by the DCA has been transferred to the library. Additional published pamphlets and books collected or published by the DCA have also been cataloged by the library.

System of Arrangement

Series I: Organization history, 1935-2010

Series II: Membership applications and records, 1935-2005 and n.d.

Series III: Meeting minutes and reports, 1935-2016

Series IV: Financial papers, 1946-2009

Series V: Programs and publications, 1936-2007 and n.d.

Series VI: Reference files, 1856-2010 and n.d.

Subseries A: Clippings and text

Subseries B: Ephemera

Subseries C: Scrapbooks and photographs

Contents List

Series I: Organization history, 1935-2010

Scope and Content Note: This series holds historical documentation on the Doll Collectors of America (DCA), Inc., including a text copy of the organization's charter, constitution and by-laws, logo drawings, stationery templates, correspondence, and more.

Box 1

- Folder 1 DCA fact sheet, n.d.
- Folder 2 DCA Charter [text copy], November 1935
- Folder 3 DCA Constitution and By-Laws, n.d. [c. 1935]
- Folder 4 DCA Constitution and By-Laws, March 1937
- Folder 5 DCA Constitution and By-Laws, January 1939
- Folder 6 DCA membership application/petition forms [templates], n.d.
- Folder 7 "Miss D.C.A.," designed by Avis Sherburn Hart (1935), revised by Ruth Reen (1978) – paper doll and envelope, 1988
- Folder 8 DCA logo, letterhead, and stationery templates with notes, n.d.
- Folder 9 DCA Officer's Handbook, revised 2003
- Folder 10 DCA Membership – board recommendation actions, 1970-1973
- Folder 11 DCA ballot sample templates, n.d.
- Folder 12 DCA ballots – officer slates, 1952-1954, 1984-1995
- Folder 13 "History of the Doll Collectors of America, Inc., 1935-1982," Ruth E. Whittier, 1982
- Folder 14 DCA Library at Toy Cupboard Museum, 1977 and n.d.
- Folder 15 DCA Library at Wenham Museum, n.d. [c. 2000s]
- Folder 16 Correspondence – letters to DCA, 1943-2004
- Folder 17 Misc. DCA historical information, 1945-2010

Series II: Membership applications and records, 1935-2005 and n.d.

Scope and Content Note: Within this series are membership applications (and associated notes and recommendations), historical membership lists, and annotated index cards listing members.

Original section labels are retained for Boxes 4 and 5 as received from the DCA. Applications are arranged chronologically.

Box 2

- Folder 1 DCA membership applications, 1935-1939 – applications with annotations, letters of recommendation, and note; 1935-1939
- Folder 2 DCA membership applications, 1940-1949 – applications with annotations, letters of recommendation, and note; 1940-1949
- Folder 3 DCA membership applications, 1950-1957 – applications with annotations, letters of recommendation, and note; 1950-1957
- Folder 4 DCA membership applications, 1962-1969 – applications with annotations, letters of recommendation, and note; 1962-1969

Folder 5 DCA membership applications, 1970-1974 – applications with annotations, letters of recommendation, and note; 1970-1974

Box 3

Folder 1 DCA membership applications, 1975-1977 – applications with annotations, letters of recommendation, and note; 1975-1977

Folder 2 DCA membership applications, 1983-1985 – applications with annotations, letters of recommendation, and note; 1983-1985

Folder 3 DCA membership applications, 1986-1989 – applications with annotations, letters of recommendation, and note; 1986-1989

Folder 4 DCA membership applications, 1990-1993 – applications with annotations, letters of recommendation, and note; 1989-1993

Folder 5 DCA membership applications, 1994-1997 – applications with annotations, letters of recommendation, and note; 1993-1997

Folder 6 DCA membership applications, 2001-2005 – applications with annotations, letters of recommendation, and note; 2001-2005

Folder 7 DCA list of members, July 1936

Folder 8 DCA list of members, November 1938

Folder 9 DCA list of members, 1939-1940

Folder 10 DCA list of new members/approved applications; 1940-1965, 1983-1997, and n.d.

Box 4 Membership index cards – “Deceased 1983—” and “Deceased Before 1983,” c. 1930s-2000s [arranged alphabetically within section, with annotations]

Box 5 Membership index cards – “Resigned Dropped 1983 on” and “Resigned Dropped Before 1983,” c. 1930s-2000s [arranged alphabetically within section, with annotations]

Series III: Meeting minutes and reports, 1935-2016

Scope and Content Note: This series holds meeting minutes and reports from both executive board and regular meetings, as well as information on annual meetings.

Meeting minutes are arranged chronologically by type.

Box 6

Folder 1 Meeting notices to DCA members, 1939-1987

Folder 2 Meeting program calendars, 1940/1941 – 1968/1969

Folder 3 DCA Executive Board meeting reports, October 1962-November 1972

Folder 4 DCA Executive Board meeting reports, December 1972-November 1981

Folder 5 DCA Executive Board meeting reports, December 1981-November 1990

Folder 6 DCA Executive Board meeting reports, December 1990-November 1995

Folder 7 DCA Executive Board meeting reports, December 1995-May 2002

Folder 8 DCA Executive Board meeting reports, May 2014-January 2016

Folder 9 DCA Annual Meeting programs, 1969-1997 and n.d.

Folder 10 Misc. mailings to DCA members, 1949-1969 and n.d.

Box 7

- Folder 1 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, June 1935-October 1938
- Folder 2 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, November 1938-April 1941
- Folder 3 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, May 1941-December 1944
- Folder 4 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, January 1945-December 1949
- Folder 5 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, January 1950-June 1959

Box 8

- Folder 1 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, January 1960-December 1964
- Folder 2 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, January 1965-November 1969
- Folder 3 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, December 1969-November 1973
- Folder 4 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, December 1973-November 1975
- Folder 5 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, December 1975-November 1979
- Folder 6 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, December 1979-November 1981

Box 9

- Folder 1 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, December 1981-August 1990
- Folder 2 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, October 1990-November 1995
- Folder 3 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, December 1995-June 2002
- Folder 4 DCA regular meetings – Secretary’s Reports, May 2014-January 2016

Series IV: Financial papers, 1946-2009

Scope and Content Note: This series houses various financial documentation retained by the DCA. Materials include notes, receipt lists, bank statements, monthly reports, invoices, and bank statements. (Note: This is not comprehensive and there are some years excluded, as indicated by the file in Box 10, Folder 1.)

Box 10

- Folder 1 “DCA Treasurer’s Reports at Wenham,” note/list, n.d. [c. 2000s]
- Folder 2 Treasury records, 1952-1959 – notes, receipts lists, bank statements, and other financial information; 1952-1959
- Folder 3 Treasury records, 1959-1963 – notes, receipts lists, bank statements, and other financial information; 1959-1963
- Folder 4 Treasury records, 1976-1978 – notes, receipts lists, bank statements, and other financial information; 1976-1978
- Folder 5 Treasury records, 1990-1994 – notes, receipts lists, bank statements, and other financial information; 1990-1994
- Folder 6 Treasury records, 1994-1997 – notes, receipts lists, bank statements, and other financial information; 1994-1997

Box 11

- Folder 1 Treasury records, 1963-1982 – annual reports; 1963-1982
- Folder 2 Project Fund for Manual expenses, 1970-1978 – invoices, receipts, and memos; 1970-1978 and n.d.
- Folder 3 Treasurer’s monthly reports, 1970-1978

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| Folder 4 | Treasurer's monthly reports, 1991-1996 |
| Folder 5 | Treasurer's monthly reports, 1997-2006 |
| Folder 6 | Cancelled bank books – 1946-1961, 1970-1984, 1991-2002, 2005 |
| Folder 7 | CDs closed out, Boston Five Cent Savings Bank, 1983-1993 – business correspondence, statements, memos, and financial information; 1983-1994 |
| Folder 8 | Bank statements, Mass Bank, December 1997-December 2004 – statements, memos, and notes; 1996-2004 |
| Folder 9 | DCA Employer Identification Number information, IRS, 2009 |

Series V: Programs and publications, 1936-2017 and n.d.

Scope and Content Note: This series holds Volumes 1 through 53 of the *Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin* newsletter, as well as various program texts created by members of the DCA for presentation or distribution among DCA members. Also included in this series are submissions for the “DCA Memories” project in preparation for the DCA’s 75th anniversary in 2010.

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| Folder 1 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 1-3, 1965-1967 |
| Folder 2 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 4-6, 1968-1970 |
| Folder 3 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 7-9, 1971-1973 |
| Folder 4 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 10-11, 1974-1976 |
| Folder 5 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 12-14, 1977-1979 |
| Folder 6 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 15-17, 1980-1982 |
| Folder 7 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 18-20, 1983-1985 |
| Folder 8 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 21-23, 1986-1988 |
| Folder 9 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 24-26, 1989-1991 |
| Folder 10 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 27-29, 1992-1994 |
| Folder 11 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 30-32, 1995-1997 |
| Folder 12 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 33-35, 1998-2000 |

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| Folder 1 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 36-38, 2001-2003 |
| Folder 2 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 39-41, 2004-2006 |
| Folder 3 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 42-44, 2007-2009 |
| Folder 4 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 45-47, 2010-2012 |
| Folder 5 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 48-50, 2013-2015 |
| Folder 6 | <i>Doll Collectors of America, Inc. Bulletin</i> , Vols. 51-53, 2016-2018 |

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| Folder 1 | “First Doll Exhibition,” DCA, Winchester Public Library, May 21, 1938 |
| Folder 2 | “Jumeau Dolls,” Jenny Abbott, September 1940 |
| Folder 3 | “Russian Dolls,” Jenny Abbott, March 1941 |
| Folder 4 | “Dolls and Little Girls of Long Ago,” Anna O. Beachy, 1941 |
| Folder 5 | “Hats,” Esther G. Veno, February 1942 |
| Folder 6 | “The Lighted Christmas Tree,” Mrs. Frank C. Doble, December 1943 |
| Folder 7 | “The History of the Paper Doll,” Herbert H. Hosmer, February 1944 |

- Folder 8 "Trade Cards by George Francis Dow," Alice R. Andrews, July 1944
- Folder 9 "How Dolls Made Money for My Favorite Charity," Mrs. Louis T. Golding, February 1946
- Folder 10 "The Doll as a Fetish," May Day, February 1950
- Folder 11 "A Favorite Doll," Hattie E. Johnson, March 1950
- Folder 12 "Celluloid Dolls," Jennie L. Abbott, April 1950
- Folder 13 "Visit to Tasha Tudor's Home," Nellie Wells Perkins, June 1953
- Folder 14 "China Head Dolls," Louise Buck, January 1955
- Folder 15 "Pantins," Marion Maguire, January 1960
- Folder 16 "The Gibson Girl Doll," unidentified author, 1969
- Folder 17 DCA Question submissions and Answers, 1937-1938 and n.d.
- Folder 18 "Dictionnaire de l'Ameublement et de la Decoration," reference, Mrs. DeWitt Clinton Cohen, n.d.
- Folder 19 "The Dixie Doll," Francis Parkinson Keyes, n.d.
- Folder 20 "The Doll's Wish, Anna E. Skinner," contributed by Mrs. Earl E. Andrews, n.d.
- Folder 21 "Dolls from the Magic Land of Greenaway," Alice T. Tarbox, n.d.
- Folder 22 "The First American Straw Hat, Julia W. Wolfe," contributed by Mrs. Henry E. Johnson, 1941
- Folder 23 "The French Doll," Estelle Winthrop, n.d.
- Folder 24 "German Ball Joint Dolls," Dorothy P. FitzGerald, n.d.
- Folder 25 "Historic Dolls," Jennie L. Abbott, n.d.
- Folder 26 "In the Autumn of 1935 at Hamleys...", Mrs. Frank C. Doble, n.d.
- Folder 27 "The Jenny Lind Dolls," Catherine Richards Howard, 1948
- Folder 28 "The Joys of Doll Collecting," Esther Somerville, December 1938
- Folder 29 "Lenci Doll" bibliographies, 1976 and n.d.
- Folder 30 "Lizzie's Story," Amy Tanzer, Wenham Museum, 1995
- Folder 31 "A Memory Making Doll," Elizabeth Ann Coleman, 2017
- Folder 32 "Portrait Dolls – Paris, France, 1902," Mrs. Richard Merrill, 1960
- Folder 33 "Reference and Research Materials on Dolls," reference sheet, Jennie L. Abbott, n.d.
- Folder 34 "The Rise of the Doll Industry," Jennie L. Abbott, n.d.
- Folder 35 "Rose O'Neill's Kewpies," Elizabeth MacMahon, February 1959
- Folder 36 "The Story of Dolls Tells the Story of Mankind," Dr. Walter Hough, n.d.
- Folder 37 "Textiles," reference sheet, Mrs. Edward B. Cole, n.d.
- Folder 38 Misc. text contributions from members, 1938 and n.d.
- Folder 39 Article reprints published by DCA, 1936
- Folder 40 DCA Manuals – "Advertising for 1967 and 1973 manuals" – project information, letters, pamphlets, budgets, reviews, advertisements, and other documentation; 1967-1977 and n.d.
- Folder 41 "Just Desserts," cookbook by DCA, 1995
- Folder 42 "Benefit Dolls," DCA, 2003
- Folder 43 "DCA Memories" submissions – "Our Zelda," Anna May Case, 2006
- Folder 44 "DCA Memories" submissions – "Eva Haddaway Jones and the Value of Education," Elizabeth Ann Coleman, n.d. [c. 2006-2008?]
- Folder 45 "DCA Memories" submissions – "DCA Memories," Barbara Kerins, n.d. [c. 2006-2008?]

- Folder 46 “DCA Memories” submissions – “Finding Miss Columbia,” Diane Parrish, n.d. [c. 2006-2008?]
- Folder 47 “DCA Memories” submissions – Letter from Norma Rodenbaugh, 2008
- Folder 48 “DCA Memories” submissions – correspondence, 2008-2009

Series VI: Reference files, 1856-2010 and n.d.

Scope and Content Note: This series contains various materials created or retained by the DCA and its members as reference files. These include newspaper and magazines clippings on a variety of DCA- and doll-related topics, photographs, ephemera, scrapbooks, and much more.

Subseries A: Clippings and text

Scope and Content Note: This subseries holds various clippings and pages from newspapers and magazines, along with some text information maintained by the DCA. Of particular interest to those interested in true crime is the folder on Velvlee Dickinson, the former DCA member accused of espionage and treason during WWII for passing coded information along to the enemy via doll catalogs.

Folders have retained their original labels in quotation marks when possible, with additional descriptive information added to some folder titles in brackets.

Box 15

- Folder 1 Reference – “1935-1939” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1935-1939 [DCA and dolls]
- Folder 2 Reference – “1940s” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1940-1949 [DCA and dolls]
- Folder 3 Reference – “1950s” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1950-1957 [DCA and dolls]
- Folder 4 Reference – “1960s” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1960-1969 [DCA and dolls]
- Folder 5 Reference – “Undated clippings” – newspaper clippings, n.d. [c. 1930s-1940s] [DCA and dolls]
- Folder 6 Reference – “DCA meetings” – newspaper clippings, n.d. [c. 1930s-1950s]
- Folder 7 Reference – “DCA Members’ Publicity” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1937-1969 and n.d. [Part 1 of 2]
- Folder 8 Reference – “DCA Members’ Publicity” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1970-1997 and n.d. [Part 2 of 2]
- Folder 9 Reference – “DCA member obit write-ups” – newspaper clippings and memorial ephemera, 1947-2000
- Folder 10 Reference – “Advertising dolls” – magazine clipping, 1975 [Campbell Kids, Grace Drayton]
- Folder 11 Reference – “American doll artists” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1919-1987
- Folder 12 Reference – “American dolls” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1937-1978 and n.d.

- Folder 13 Reference – “American Indian dolls” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1939-1961 [Hopi dolls, kachina]
- Folder 14 Reference – “Auctions” – doll and toy auction catalogs, 1990-1992
- Folder 15 Reference – “Authors” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1938-1939, 1976, and n.d.
- Folder 16 Reference – “Bonnet head dolls” –magazine clippings, 1976
- Folder 17 Reference – “Brooke, Iris” – typed excerpts from *English Costume of the Eighteenth Century*, 1940 and n.d.
- Folder 18 Reference – “Bru” – magazine clippings, 1964, 1979
- Folder 19 Reference – “Bye-Lo Dolls” – reprinted article by Luella Tilton Hart, 1953
- Folder 20 Reference – “Cabbage Patch” – newspaper clippings, text draft; 1983-1985 and n.d.
- Folder 21 Reference – “Care” – newspaper and magazine clippings, draft text; 1938-1994 and n.d. [doll conservation, care/upkeep of dolls]
- Folder 22 Reference – “Catalog/price guide” – reference, 1990 and n.d. [Marcie dolls, Collector’s Encyclopedia of Half Dolls]

Box 16

- Folder 1 Reference – “Celluloid dolls” – reference photographs, notes, and research publication by Jennie L. Abbott, 1946 and n.d.
- Folder 2 Reference – “Chase dolls” – magazine clippings and reference, 1938, 1983, and n.d. [Martha Chase]
- Folder 3 Reference – “Chelsea Art Dolls Makers” – brochures, 1954-1955
- Folder 4 Reference – “China heads” – magazine clippings and text draft, 1937-1955 and n.d.
- Folder 5 Reference – “Chinese shadow puppets” – draft text, n.d.
- Folder 6 Reference – “Chocolate Lady” – notes, memo, text draft; 1976 and 1980 [La Belle Chocolatiere, Baker Co.]
- Folder 7 Reference – “Cloth dolls” – magazine clippings, c. 1940s-1994 and n.d. [Izannah Walker]
- Folder 8 Reference – Collected typescripts, loose – recollections and copies from publications, c. 1930s and n.d.
- Folder 9 Reference – “Composition dolls” – magazine clippings, 1972-1997
- Folder 10 Reference – “Copied typescripts” – copied text from 19th century articles and various reports, 1856-1937 and n.d.
- Folder 11 Reference – “Correspondence -1930s” – correspondence and related ephemera, 1872-1949 and n.d.
- Folder 12 Reference – “Costuming” – magazine clippings and reference photograph, 1875-1975 and n.d.
- Folder 13 Reference – “Crafts” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1936-1957
- Folder 14 Reference – “Creche” – newspaper and magazine clippings, text drafts, reference photographs; 1926-1980 and n.d.
- Folder 15 Reference – “Dickinson, Velvalee” – newspaper clippings, notes, ephemera, sell sheet, and reference; 1937-2001
- Folder 16 Reference – “Dionnes” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1936-1938 [Dionne Quintuplets]

- Folder 17 Reference – “Doll-related clippings” – newspaper clippings, c. 1960s-1979 and n.d.
- Folder 18 Reference – “Doll shows” – invitations/programs, 1940 and n.d.
- Folder 19 Reference – “Fashion dolls” – magazine clippings, 1940-1988
- Folder 20 Reference – “French dolls” – magazine clippings, text draft by Estelle Winthrop; 1957-1990 and n.d.
- Folder 21 Reference – “German bisque” – magazine clippings, 1973-1979
- Folder 22 Reference – “Golliwogg” – magazine clipping, 1974 [Florence Upton character]
- Folder 23 Reference – “Greenaway, Kate” – newspaper clipping and text draft, 1952 and n.d.
- Folder 24 Reference – “Greiner doll” – PBS *History Detectives* transcript, Betty Berger doll, 2005 [doll from Robert E. Lee family?]
- Folder 25 Reference – “Half dolls” – magazine clippings, 1975, 1985
- Folder 26 Reference – “Heubach Brothers” – magazine clippings, 1967-1968 [Gebruder Heubach]
- Folder 27 Reference – “Hobbies magazine” – article clippings, 1936-1940
- Folder 28 Reference – “Hobbies magazine” – article clippings, 1941-1959

Box 17

- Folder 1 Reference – “Hobbies magazine” – article clippings, 1961-1977
- Folder 2 Reference – “Hobbies mag. 1930s” – torn pages from *Hobbies* magazine, 1937-1939
- Folder 3 Reference – “Hobbies mag. 1940s” – torn pages from *Hobbies* magazine, 1940-1949
- Folder 4 Reference – “Hobbies mag. 1950s” – torn pages from *Hobbies* magazine, 1950-1959
- Folder 5 Reference – “Hobbies mag. 1960s” – torn pages from *Hobbies* magazine, 1960-1969
- Folder 6 Reference – “Hobbies mag. 1970s” – torn pages from *Hobbies* magazine, 1970-1979
- Folder 7 Reference – “Hosmer, Herbert/ Toy Cupboard” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1962-1995 and n.d.
- Folder 8 Reference – “Houses and rooms” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1923-1988 and n.d. [some Colleen Moore’s doll house]
- Folder 9 Reference – “Howe, Julia Ward” – newspaper clippings and text draft, 1939-1962 and n.d. [Julia Ward Howe doll]

Box 18

- Folder 1 Reference – “IDCC Bulletin” – newsletter issues, June-November 1956
- Folder 2 Reference – “Jumeau” – newspaper and magazine clippings, reference, and program; 1940 and n.d.
- Folder 3 Reference – “K star R” – magazine clipping, 1976 [Kammer & Reinhardt]
- Folder 4 Reference – “Kachinas” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1939, 1964
- Folder 5 Reference – “Kestner dolls” – draft text by Helen Bullard and Catherine Callicott, n.d.

- Folder 6 Reference – “Kewpies/Rose O’Neill” – magazine clippings and text drafts, 1937-1983 and n.d.
- Folder 7 Reference – “Kruse, Kathe” – magazine clippings, 1946-1976 [Kathe Kruse dolls]
- Folder 8 Reference – “Kubelka” – photocopy of patent, “Manufacturing Dolls and Busts,” Josef Kubelka, 1889
- Folder 9 Reference – “Lettie Lane” – magazine clippings, text draft, price lists; 1973 and n.d.
- Folder 10 Reference – “Liberty Dolls/Marion Poe” – letter, photocopied reference with annotations, 1984 and n.d. [Liberty of London dolls]
- Folder 11 Reference – “Marionettes/puppets” – newspaper clippings, 1936-1940 and n.d.
- Folder 12 Reference – “Mechanical dolls” – magazine clipping, text draft by Virginia A. Olsen; 1936-1988 and n.d.
- Folder 13 Reference – “Museums” – newspaper and magazine clippings, pamphlets, reference; 1937-1997 and n.d. [includes some on Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum]
- Folder 14 Reference – “Oriental dolls” – newspaper clippings, reference photographs, and text draft; 1932-c. 1950s and n.d.
- Folder 15 Reference – “Paper dolls” – newspaper and magazine clippings, pamphlets, and photocopied paper dolls; 1895-1993 and n.d.
- Folder 16 Reference – “Parians” – magazine clipping, n.d.
- Folder 17 Reference – “Pedlar dolls” – magazine clipping and reference from Norfolk Doll Club, 1938 and n.d.
- Folder 18 Reference – “Papier mâché” – magazine clippings, reference photographs, and draft text by Janet P. Johl, 1949-1975 and n.d.
- Folder 19 Reference – “Poems” – magazine clippings, typed transcript of poems, 1878-1947 and n.d. [doll poems]
- Folder 20 Reference – “Polly Sumner” – newspaper clippings, postcards; 1934 and n.d. [1773 doll]
- Folder 21 Reference – “Private doll collections” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1935-1992 and n.d.
- Folder 22 Reference – “Pryor collection” – magazine clippings, 1959, 1962 [Samuel F. Pryor]
- Folder 23 Reference – “Raggedy Ann” – newspaper clippings, 1972-1977 and n.d.
- Folder 24 Reference – “Ravca, Bernard” – newspaper and magazine clippings, letter, text draft by H. Ogden Wintermure; 1940-1985 and n.d.
- Folder 25 Reference – “Reference lists” – typed list of doll article references (1922-1933) and magazine clippings, 1939-1942 and n.d.
- Folder 26 Reference – “Regional hand-made dolls” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1937-1939 and n.d.
- Folder 27 Reference – “Rosabelle Pingree” – photographs, photocopied reference, draft text; 1939-2005 and n.d. [“Queen of the Dolls”]
- Folder 28 Reference – “Rubber dolls” – newspaper and magazine clippings, reference photograph; 1944-1979 and n.d. [Goodyear dolls]

Box 19

- Folder 1 Reference – “Santons” –magazine clipping, 1929
- Folder 2 Reference – “Schoenhut” – newspaper and magazine clippings, text draft, and reference; 1923-1993 and n.d.
- Folder 3 Reference – “Service, Dolls in the” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1942 [dolls in WWII]
- Folder 4 Reference – “Shirley Temple” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1936-1983 and n.d. [Shirley Temple dolls]
- Folder 5 Reference – “Snow White” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1938 [Marjorie Belcher, model for Snow White]
- Folder 6 Reference – “Articles from Spinning Wheel Mag, 1947-1962” – torn pages from *Spinning Wheel*, 1947-1962
- Folder 7 Reference – “Steiff” – catalogs, sell sheets, and reference; 1973-1983 and n.d.
- Folder 8 Reference – “Three-faced doll” –magazine clipping, 1940
- Folder 9 Reference – “Travel – foreign dolls” – newspaper and magazine clippings, 1940-1942 and n.d.
- Folder 10 Reference – “Walking dolls” – magazine clippings, 1937, 1953
- Folder 11 Reference – “Wax dolls” – newspaper and magazine clippings, draft texts by Esther G. Veno and Imogene Anderson; 1936-1977 and n.d.
- Folder 12 Reference – “Woman’s Day Dictionary of Dolls” – *Woman’s Day*, January 1965
- Folder 13 Reference – “Wood, Amy Louise” – newspaper clippings and lectures list, 1938-1940 and n.d.
- Folder 14 Reference – “Wooden dolls” – newspaper and magazine clippings, draft text by Estelle A. Winthrop; 1935-1977 and n.d.
- Folder 15 Reference – “Yesteryears Museum” – correspondence, membership information, and newsletters; 1982-1984
- Folder 16 Reference – Loose doll-related articles and clippings, 1898-1989 and n.d.
- Folder 17 Reference – Loose doll-related articles and clippings, 1903-1996 and n.d.
- Folder 18 Reference – Loose doll-related articles and clippings, 1924-1989 and n.d.
- Folder 19 Reference – Misc. handwritten notes and research, n.d. [c. 1930s?]

Box 20

- Folder 1 Reference – “DCA members, 1930s-on” – mounted newspaper clippings, 1930-1970 and n.d.
- Folder 2 Reference – “Doll-related, 1930s-on” – mounted newspaper and magazine clippings, 1920-2004 and n.d.
- Folder 3 Reference – “Dollmakers/artists, 1936-on” – mounted newspaper and magazine clippings, 1894-1960 and n.d.
- Folder 4 Reference – “Doll manufacturing, mostly 1930s” – mounted newspaper articles, 1915-c. 1970s and n.d. [includes Shindana Toys]
- Folder 5 Reference – “Rosabelle Pingree” – newspaper and magazine clippings, photocopied materials, reference photographs; c. 1930s-1950s and n.d. [“Queen of the Dolls”]
- Folder 6 Reference – “Misc. clippings” – newspaper and magazine clippings, paper dolls; 1905-1978 and n.d. [Tom Thumb, Godey’s Lady, paper dolls]

Box 21

- Folder 1 Reference – “Antiques magazine pages with doll-related articles,” magazine pages, 1890-1976 and n.d.
- Folder 2 Reference – “Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum” – newspaper special sections, 1982

Subseries B: Ephemera

Scope and Content Note: This subseries houses various ephemera retained or created by the DCA. Included here are postcards, paper doll information, and a sampling of antique ribbons used as reference by DCA members.

Box 19

- Folder 20 “Postcards and paper ephemera” – advertisement cards and postcards depicting dolls, 1945 and n.d. [c. 1880s-1910s?]
- Folder 21 “Hopi Indian Dancer Postcards” – postcards of Native American dolls, 1939-1953 and n.d.
- Folder 22 “Amy – An Old-Fashioned Paper Doll,” Roy Brindamour, n.d.

Box 22

- Folder 1 Antique ribbons, undated [c. 19th century-early 20th century?] [Part 1 of 3]
- Folder 2 Antique ribbons, undated [c. 19th century-early 20th century?] [Part 2 of 3]
- Folder 3 Antique ribbons, undated [c. 19th century-early 20th century?] [Part 3 of 3]

Box 23

- Object 1 DCA Guestbook, 1960-1962
- Object 2 “Guests of the Doll Collectors of America, Inc.,” guestbook, 1992-1999

Subseries C: Scrapbooks and photographs

Scope and Content Note: This subseries holds photographs and scrapbooks created or maintained by the DCA. Two scrapbooks are specifically about the history of the DCA, while two other scrapbooks contain historical clippings and reference on dolls. Some photographs and photo albums depict personal collections of dolls, often with annotations.

Folders have retained their original labels in quotation marks when possible, with additional descriptive information added to some folder titles in brackets.

Box 23

- Object 3 Scrapbook – “Doll Collectors of America, Inc., #2, Nov. 1936-Nov. 1937,” 1936-1937
- Object 4 Scrapbook – “Madeline Merrill’s Scrap Book,” 1908-1949

Box 24

- Object 1 Scrapbook – DCA History and doll-related clippings, c. 1920s-1940s [Humpty Dumpty Doll Hospital, Bernard Ravca, Kate Greenaway dolls]
- Object 2 Scrapbook – Doll-related clippings, donated by Roy Brindamour, c. 1918-1926 [Kewpies, paper dolls, Schoenhut Toys]

- Object 3 Photo album – Anna O. Beachy, to DCA, 1941 [dolls from her collection with handwritten annotations]
- Object 4 Photo album – unidentified creator, 1900-1934 [doll photos with annotations]

Box 25

- Folder 1 Photographs – “Dolls belonging to Jennie L. Abbott” – photographs with handwritten annotations and letter, 1935 and n.d.
- Folder 2 Photographs – “Photos from Ms. Esther Somerville of Evanston, Illinois,” 1936
- Folder 3 Photographs – “Winchester Library Exhibit, sponsored by DCA,” n.d. [c. 1938?]
- Folder 4 Photographs – “Xmas Exhibit at Lyman Allyn Museum, New London, Connecticut,” 1943 [DCA Exhibit]
- Folder 5 Photographs – “Helen Jaques Paper Dolls” – original photographs and notes, 1957 and n.d. [Part 1 of 2]
- Folder 6 Photographs – “Helen Jaques Paper Dolls” – original photographs and notes, 1957 and n.d. [Part 2 of 2]
- Folder 7 Photographs – “Helen Jaques Paper Dolls, Set I” [photocopies], n.d.
- Folder 8 Photographs – “Helen Jaques Paper Dolls, Set II” [photocopies], n.d.
- Folder 9 Photographs – Misc. doll photographs and related documentation, 1936-1941 and n.d.
- Folder 10 Photographs – unlabeled doll photograph proofs and negatives, n.d. [c. 1960s?]