

# Green, Ralph, Papers

Ralph Green Papers, circa 1858-1960  
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### Unit ID

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### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

circa 1858-2960

### Language

English

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7 Linear Feet 9 boxes: 5 records center cartons, 2 card file boxes, and 2 boxes of printing blocks.

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## Scope and Contents

Notebooks of clippings, illustrations, and blueprints relating to printing and presses in the United States and card files kept by Ralph Green. The notebooks concern presses from Patent Office records, photographs and engravings of presses, amateur and hobby printing, and samples of Green's printing.

## Keywords

Notebooks

Printing--History

Block printing -- 20th century

## Description of Subordinate Components

**Series 1: Notebooks and Records**

**Unit ID** id155409

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492239

**Scope and Contents**

21 notebooks of clippings, illustrations, blueprints relating to printing and presses in the U.S.; 2 card files of notes kept by Ralph Green.

**Box 1**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/498099

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Language** English

**Vol. 1: "Early Wood"**

**Unit ID** id155411

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492242

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Volume)

**Scope and Contents**

Mounted illustrations, clippings, photographs, etc. of Gutenberg, Blaeu, and other early presses. 56 leaves. "Detailed plans of Moxon's Blaeu press... with structural analysis..." (blueprint drawing, scale 1 1/2' foot), leave 29-37. "The Common English wood hand printing press, circa 1800" (with four drawings), leaves 38-42.

**Vol. 2: Patent records relating to early American presses****Unit ID** id155413**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492243**Unit Date** 1813-1858**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Volume)**Scope and Contents**

Original or photocopied pages from Patent Office records, relating to early American presses. 121 leaves.

**Vol. 3: Untitled****Unit ID** id155414**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492244**Unit Date** 1858-1872**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Volume)**Scope and Contents**

98 leaves.

**Vol. 4: Untitled****Unit ID** id155416**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492245**Unit Date** 1872-1937**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (Volume)**Scope and Contents**

106 leaves.

**Vol. 5: "Gordon Presses"****Unit ID** id155418**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492246**Unit Date** 1858-1940**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (Volume)**Scope and Contents**

Photographs, advertisements, manufacturer's announcements, etc., 1858-1940, relating to the Gordon press and its imitators, with notes and descriptions by R. G. and others. 36 leaves.

**Vol. 6: "Hand Presses"****Unit ID** id155421**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492247**Unit Date** Circa 1800-1860**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (Volume)**Scope and Contents**

Clippings, drawings, and blueprints relating to early American hand presses, circa 1800-1860, some leaves with extensive comments, measurements, etc., by R.G. 64 leaves. List of hand presses, arranged by name, with manufacturer, dates and style, leaves 1-2. "Platen sizes of hand presses," leaves 3-4.

**Vol. 7: Operation of hand presses (Instructions, etc.)**

**Unit ID** id155424

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492248

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Volume)

**Scope and Contents**

Tables, notes, blueprints, clippings, etc., with four dividers: 1) "Wood Presses & Early, " 2) "Iron Presses," 3) "Jobbers," and 4) "Amateur" "List of texts containing instructions for the operation of the hand press, arranged in chronological order," leaves 1-2. "The Stansbury Press," leaves 45-52. Clippings relating to the Washington Hand Press, leaves 55-75. 87 leaves.

**Vol. 8: The "Washington family" of Presses**

**Unit ID** id155426

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492249

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Volume)

**Scope and Contents**

Photographs, clippings, blueprints, etc. 32 leaves.

**Box 2**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/498100

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Language** English

**Vol. 9: Author's pencil manuscripts, with corrections**

**Unit ID** id155438

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492250

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 9 (Volume)

**Scope and Contents**

53 leaves. (The Iron Hand Press in America), leaves 1-19. (A history of the platten jobber), leaves 20-43. (On Making a printing press), leaves 44-53.

**Vol. 10: "Rotary Presses"**

**Unit ID** id155443

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492251

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 10 (Volume)

**Scope and Contents**

Blueprints, notes, tables, photographs, etc. 78 leaves.

**Vol. 11: "Misc"**

**Unit ID** id155445

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492252

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 11 (Volume)

**Scope and Contents**

Photographs, clippings, etc. of unusual presses, type-setting equipment, etc. 19 leaves.

**Vol. 12: "English"**

**Unit ID** id155447

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492253

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 12 (Volume)

**Scope and Contents**

Clippings, photographs, etc. of early English hand presses. 40 leaves.

**Vol. 13: "Foreign Wood Presses"**

**Unit ID** id155449

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492254

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 13 (Volume)

**Scope and Contents**

Photographs, drawings, etc. of early presses, primarily English. 68 leaves. Photocopy of a portion of a Cambridge University PhD dissertation (?), titled: "Appendix A. A Census of Surviving Wooden Presses," leaves 40-68.

**Vol. 14: "Clippings"**

**Unit ID** id155450

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492255

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 14 (Volume)

**Scope and Contents**

Three dividers: "History," "Type," and "R. G." 67 leaves.

**Vol. 15: "Wooden Presses, U. S."**

**Unit ID** id155452

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492256

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 15 (Volume)

**Scope and Contents**

Primarily photographs and drawings of old wooden presses, with extensive comments by R. G. 54 leaves.

**Vol. 16: "Williamsburg"**

**Unit ID** id155455

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492257

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 16 (Volume)

**Scope and Contents**

Photographs, notes, plans, etc., regarding the English Common Press constructed at Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. "Sources of data used in preparation of plans of 1720-1750 Colonial Printing Press," leaves 20-21. Blueprints for the press, drawn by R. G. and dated May 15, 1949, leaves 22-32; "Bill of material" needed in construction of press, leaves 33-34; specifications and notes of other equipment to be placed in the restored printing shop, leaves 35-55.

**Vol. 17: "Private presses"**

**Unit ID** id155457

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492258

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 17 (Volume)

**Scope and Contents**

Notes and clippings on amateur and hobby printing. 18 leaves.

**Box 3****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/498101**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Language** English**Vol. 18: "Specimens"****Unit ID** id155459**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492259**Unit Date** 1935-1960**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 18 (Volume)**Scope and Contents**

Samples of R. G.'s own printing work: letterheads, envelopes, Christmas cards, etc., circa 1935-1960. About 150 leaves.

**Vol. 19: "Specimens"****Unit ID** id155460**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492260**Unit Date** 1935-1960**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 19 (Volume)**Scope and Contents**

Samples of R. G.'s own printing work: letterheads, envelopes, Christmas cards, etc., circa 1935-1960. About 150 leaves.

**Vol. 20: "Specimens"****Unit ID** id155461**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492261**Unit Date** 1935-1960**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 20 (Volume)**Scope and Contents**

Samples of R. G.'s own printing work: letterheads, envelopes, Christmas cards, etc., circa 1935-1960. About 150 leaves.

**Vol. 21: "Book plates"****Unit ID** id155462**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492262**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 21 (Volume)**Scope and Contents**

Clippings or sample bookplates. Also several clippings on unusual forms of printing and etching. 11 leaves.

**Box 4: Files and Publications****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/498098**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)**Language** English**Series 2: Card Files****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492240**Scope and Contents**

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Mr. Green maintained two file-drawers or note cards (3" x 5") to assemble various bits of information-- specifications, notes, drawings, etc. of interest to him. These files have been examined by Mr. S. F. Royall, of Williamsburg, Virginia, who prepared a 9-page summary of the contents. Their principal value, according to Mr. Royall, is to provide the user with a guide to the contents of his own library and files, and "taken together, must form one of the largest sources extant on printing press illustrations." Mr. Green's files have already proved of great value in locating detailed information about specific presses, identifying source of illustrations, etc.

**Card file (1)**

**Unit ID** id155463

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492263

**Mixed Materials** Card Files (1) (Box)

**Card file (2)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492264

**Mixed Materials** Card Files (2) (box)

**Series 3: Print Blocks**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492241

**Series 3, Box 1**

**Unit ID** id308203

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492265

**Mixed Materials** Series 3, Box 1 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Wooden Print Blocks

**Series 3, Box 2**

**Unit ID** id308319

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/492266

**Mixed Materials** Series 3, Box 2 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Wooden Print Blocks