



Record Group Number: 9200 **Subgroup Number:** B29 **Series Number:** 001

Collection Name: Small Manuscript Collections

Subgroup Name: Neal Joseph Boyle Collection

Series Name: Postcards

Beginning Date: 12/15/1892 **Ending Date:** 12/31/2008

Bulk Date(s): 01/01/1904 - 12/31/1967

Quantity of Material: 0.67 cubic feet

Extent: 3 postcard boxes

Biographical Note: Neal Joseph Boyle (1924 – 2020) was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts, to Neal Patrick and Beatrice Theresa Boyle. After graduating from high school in 1942, Boyle served in World War II in the U.S. Coast Guard as an areologist dispensing valuable weather data. After the war, Boyle graduated from Georgetown University SFS in 1951. When he retired, Boyle had been serving as Vice President and CFO of the American Red Cross. Before that, Boyle served as Sr. Vice President at GEICO and was the Chairman of the Finance Commission of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva, Switzerland. He was a past President of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Financial Executives Institute. Boyle was a former St. Jude's Apostle Finance Committee member in Lewes. Boyle was married to Tilda R. Boyle, who died before him, for 56 years. He was married to Jane A. Hood for ten years after Tilda's death. Neal Joseph Boyle was an avid collector of paper ephemera, specializing in postcards.

Scope and Content: This series is entirely comprised of postcards collected by Neal Joseph Boyle. Most postcards capture events and locations around Delaware, while a few feature locations in Maryland. Images include churches, courthouses, local and federal government buildings, hotels, train stations, banks, post offices, bodies of water, local celebrations, street scenes, historical buildings and monuments, and more. The images are photographic or illustrated; some lack pictures and serve as invoices or simple communication cards. A majority of the postcards include a combination of messages, postmarks, and postage stamps. Some postcards served as business advertisements, while many served as correspondence between parties. These postcards were addressed to places

across the United States, Canada, and Cuba.

Subject(s):	Architecture Community & Events Landscape & Nature People, Race, Ethnicity & Culture Recreation & Social Life Transportation & Travel
Arrangement:	The records are arranged alphabetically by location and therein arranged by image subject.
Languages:	Croatian, Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Macedonian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish
Available Copies:	A preservation copy is available on Q. A service copy is available on CONTENTdm .
Condition of Material:	Many of the postcards have minor surface damage along the edges of the postcards, as well as creases on the corners. Some postcards have major surface damage that obscures text or entire backs of postcards, but very few images are obscured due to surface damage. There is discoloration throughout, mostly minor. Some pictures and handwritten text have faded greatly, making the text difficult to read and images unclear.
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Note(s):	Many of the postcard's dates are unknown, even when they were used as correspondence. If the date was absent on the card, postcard dating guides created for specific photographers and publishers were utilized alongside the Smithsonian's information on the different postcard periods. If information about a business featured on a card was available, that information was also used to date the cards. The biographical information comes from Mr. Boyle's obituary.
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