

JOSEPH P. RICCIO JR. COLLECTION OF HISTORICAL POLICE IMAGES

Finding Aid

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Summary

Title: Joseph P. Riccio Jr. Collection of Historical Police Images

Dates: ca. 1852-1930

Size: 2 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Believed to have been donated by Riccio family sometime in the 1990s.

Digitally available selections:

http://dc.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/index.php/Detail/Collection/Show/collection_id/17

Preferred Citation: Joseph P. Riccio Jr. Collection of Historical Police Images, Special Collections, Lloyd Sealy Library, John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY. 899 Tenth Ave. New York, NY 10019

Description: This collection is composed of eighteen original historical 19th and 20th century images, primarily of policemen. Most of the images are graphic illustrations of NYPD officers captured in their various duties and are dated circa 1854-1930. In certain instances the images are caricatures and cartoons of the police. Most of the collection's images were taken from newspapers and other periodicals; other illustrations include political broadsides, leaflets and 20th century b&w photographs of NYPD policemen. Not all of the sources of the illustrations are identified though they bear numbers on the back of the images, assumed to have been assigned by the original collector. These numbers indicate that the collection was once much larger, it appears to have been dispersed, with the Lloyd Sealy Library receiving only a portion of it.

Access: The collection is available to qualified researchers by appointment with Special Collections staff. Please contact the Reference desk at libspcoll@jjay.cuny.edu or (212) 237-8246.

Container List

Box 1

1. **Gleason's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion, January 7, 1854, pg. 16.** Article on left "New York Police" accompanied by illustration "New Regulation Uniform of the New York Police". [Originally #90] [This image is digitally available](#)
2. **New York Vigilant Leaflet No. 10 "CROKER'S POLICE CHIEF DEVERY** | It is a burning shame that this brute should be permitted to humiliate decent | policemen and to demoralize the police force | ..." *illustration of Chief of Police Devery seated at a high bench with the caption: "LARNIN' THE VET'RANS"* (n.d. c.1901) [originally #106] [This image is digitally available](#)
3. **New York Vigilant Leaflet No. 12, "A Gambling-House Raid in the Year 1901.** Look at the Policeman!" Accompanied by illustration of civilians (identified on their hats as "FIFTEEN, S.P.C., PHILBIN and JEROME" with battering ram attempting to break down a door held by a policeman (identified on his coat as "POLICE"). Caption reads: "Why do the police protect skin gambling-houses? That is an easy question. They need the price to buy bull | dogs for Boss." (n.d., c1901) [Originally #107] [This image is digitally available](#)
4. **"New York Police School of Instruction—Riot Formation"** (b&w photograph) n.d. [originally #158] [this image is digitally available](#)
5. **"On Post"** by C. de Grimm, engraving probably removed from Costello, Augustine E (1884-5) *Our police protectors: history of the New York police from the earliest period to the present time.*, between pp. 466-467. [Originally #197] [this image is digitally available.](#)
6. **"In the Jaws of death"** Engraving, drawn by Thomas Nast, probably removed from: Costello, Augustine E (1884-5) *Our police protectors: history of the New York police from the earliest period to the present time.*, before page 1. [originally #198] [this image is digitally available](#)
7. **"Their Brave Protector."** Engraving, by C de Grimm, probably removed from: Costello, Augustine E (1884-5) *Our police protectors: history of the New York police from the earliest period to the present time.*, page 182. [originally #180] [this image is digitally available](#)
8. **Patrolman Andrew P. Connelly.** Winner of the Hiram C. Bloomingdale trophy [gun] for highest average on all subjects. Receiving award from Chief Inspector John O'Brien. 09/1930 (b&w photograph). [originally #202] [this image is digitally available](#)
9. **Policeman Thomas Coote,** 04/1928 (b&w photograph). [originally #203]
10. **Patrolman Scott killed.** On back of photograph: "Cop killed by hit & run driver, 135 St. & St. Nicholas Ave. Two cops at spot where Patrolman Scott was killed 03/11/1930, photographer Carson", (b&w photograph) [originally #216]

Box 2

11. **“The New York Metropolitan Police”**, *Harper’s Weekly*, 03/19/1859. [originally #84]
12. **“Physical Examination of Applicants for the New York Police Force...”***Harper’s Weekly*, n.d., , [originally #179]
13. **“The New York Mounted Police—Services and Adventures”** *Harper’s Weekly*, 04/09/1881, , [originally #82]
14. **“Civil Service Examination for the New York Police”**, *Harper’s Weekly*, 01/16/1886, [originally #201]
15. **“New York City Police Department...”***Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper*, 04/19/1884,

On display in Special Collections Room

16. *[Harper’s Weekly]*, 01/28/1871, “New York Police Scenes” by Bush, [originally #83]
17. **“We favor the Pay increase for N.Y. Police and Firemen! Vote for your favorite in the big popularity contest. Voting Page Coupons Daily”**, *New York Evening Journal*, [originally #85] [*this image is digitally available*](#)
18. **Lost Children in Coney Island** on back of photograph: “All Lost.” New York City—Patrolman De Cioci and Policewoman Carrie Whalen with some of the youngsters who were picked up by the police as lost when they became separated from their parents in the throngs that rushed to Coney Island over the weekend to escape the hot spell which is now gripping the city.”, June 22, 1932 (b&w photograph) [originally #186] [*this image is digitally available*](#)