

## Guide to the Coates Playing Cards Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Coates, Phillip, Mrs.
<b>Title:</b>	Coates Playing Cards Collection
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00765
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1920 to 1969
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.71 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.69 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Coates Playing Cards Collection (1920s-1960s) consists of sixty-six decks of playing cards collected by Mrs. Phillip A. Coates. The collection includes promotional decks from various businesses, including the Southern Pacific Lines railroad and the Grace Line steamship company. The majority of the decks are of a narrower design to be used in playing canasta or bridge, with many being multi-deck sets.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Coates Playing Cards Collection (1920s-1960s) consists of sixty-six decks of playing cards collected by Mrs. Phillip A. Coates. The collection includes promotional decks from various businesses, including the Southern Pacific Lines railroad and the Grace Line steamship company. Deck brands include Congress, Aviator, Aristocrat, and Steamboat, all of which were manufactured by the United States Playing Card Company. The majority of the decks are of a narrower design to be used in playing canasta or bridge, with many being multi-deck sets.

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Brandon McGrath; accession number 2010-09.

### Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Christina Lamoureux wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Playing cards
- Card games

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Playing cards, approximately 1920 to 1969 Physical Description: 66 Items	box 01 box 02 box 03