American and Foreign bookplates collected by Sara E. Blake (1886-1973), a bookplate designer; correspondence and greeting cards received by Miss Blake in the course of her collecting activities; books and pamphlets relating to the collecting of ex libris and the work of individual bookplate artists. The plates date primarily from the early 20th century, with earlier examples. There are two boxes each of institutional and armorial plates, and one box of plates designed for celebrities, including the plate designed by Paul Revere for Isaiah Thomas, and plates of Anthony Trollope, George Bernard Shaw, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Igor Stravinsky, Herbert Hoover, Eleanor and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Some of the artists represented in the collection are Edwin Dale French, George Eve, Peter Fingerstein, Eric Gill, Rockwell Kent, and George Perrotet. There are separate groups of American, Australian, Dutch and Spanish plates, and of plates designed for bookplate collectors, including Irene Dunn Andrews Pace, and Elizabeth and J. Edouard Diamond.

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A List of the Boxes in the Sara E. Blake Bookplate Collection

Box 1: ARMORIAL PLATES (Unsorted)
Box 2: ARMORIAL PLATES (Unsorted)
Box 3: ARTISTS:
   A(Unsorted)-B(Unsorted)
Box 4: ARTISTS:
   B(Sorted)-Blake, Sara E.
Box 5: ARTISTS:
   B(Unsorted)-C(Sorted)
Box 6: ARTISTS:
   C(Unsorted)-D(Unsorted)
Box 7: ARTISTS:
   E(Sorted)-F(Unsorted)
Box 8: ARTISTS:
   F(Sorted)-French, Edwin D.
Box 9: ARTISTS:
   G(Sorted)-H(Sorted)
Box 10: ARTISTS:
   H(Unsorted)-J(Sorted)
Box 11: ARTISTS:
   J(Unsorted)-L(Unsorted)
Box 12: ARTISTS:
   M(Unsorted)-N(Unsorted)
Box 13: ARTISTS:
   O(Unsorted)-Q(Unsorted)
Box 14: ARTISTS:
   R(Unsorted)-S(Sorted)
Box 15: ARTISTS:
   S(Sorted)
Box 16: ARTISTS:
   S(Sorted)-Smith, Sydney L.
Box 17: ARTISTS:
   S(Unsorted)-U (Unsorted)
Box 18: ARTISTS:
   V(Unsorted)-Z(Unsorted)
Box 19: CELEBRITIES
Box 20: COLLECTORS:
   A-D
Box 21: COLLECTORS:
   E-M
Box 22: COLLECTORS:
   N-R