

## Magic Lantern Slides – T.H. McAllister-Keller Co., Inc. collection

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**Administrative history:** The T.H. McAllister-Keller Company of New York was the final corporate name of a family company long associated with the magic lantern trade in the United States. The family in America originated with John McAllister’s Philadelphia trading business in spectacles and optical goods as well as whips and walking sticks. The firm became known as John McAllister & Co. in 1830, and at this point probably started dealing in magic lantern slides. By 1846 they were a leading firm in this field. In 1866 Thomas McAllister, grandson of the founder, opened an optical supplies business in New York, offering a large catalogue of magic lanterns and slides. The name of the firm changed over the years as various members of the family headed it, but in 1917 the firm changed its name to McAllister-Keller, continuing with this name until 1942 when it ceased to exist.

**Scope and content:** The collection consists of 77 glass slides of images relating to children’s literature and illustration. All of the slides bear the name of the T.H. McAllister-Keller Co. Inc. The slides are 3 ¼ by 4 inches, and consist of 2 pieces of glass bound along all sides with paper (see below). The slides have been arranged alphabetically by the name of the author, or occasionally, the illustrator. Numbers 66-77 have unidentified authors or illustrators and were arranged alphabetically by title at the end.

**Historical note:** Lantern slides are positive images on glass that were intended to be projected for viewing. The emulsion is protected by a second piece of thin glass and the unit is secured around all four edges with black paper tape. Although the earliest lantern slides were hand-painted, the slides in this collection were produced photographically. The colour present on some slides was likely added by hand. Lantern slides were widely used in the United States after the 1860s. They were popular home entertainment and served as an accompaniment to speakers on the lecture circuit. They peaked in popularity about 1900, and were widely used through the 1930’s when they were gradually replaced by 35-mm slides.

**Alphabetical listing by author or illustrator:**

1. Andersen, Hans Christian. *Andersen's fairy tales, C.C.*
2. ----- *Andersen's fairy tales (The princess and the pea)*
3. Artzybasheff, Boris. Photograph of the artist.
4. Baynes, E.H. *Jimmie.*
5. ----- *Polaris: an Eskimo dog.*
6. Bowen, William. *Solario the tailor.*
7. Browne, Frances. *Granny's wonderful chair.*
8. Carroll, Lewis. Photograph of the author.
9. [-----] Photograph of Alice Liddell
10. ----- *Alice in Wonderland.*
11. ----- *Through the looking glass.*
12. Collodi, Carlo. *Pinocchio.*
13. Colum, Padraic. Photograph of the author.
14. ----- *The adventures of Odysseus and the tale of Troy.*
15. ----- *Arabian nights.*
16. ----- *Arabian nights.*
17. ----- *The children of Odin.*
18. ----- *The children's Homer.*
19. ----- *The children's Homer.*
20. ----- *The golden fleece.*
21. ----- *King of Ireland's son.*
22. Crowder, William. *Dwellers of the sea and shore.*
23. Darrow, Floyd L. *The boys' own book of science.*
24. Dickens, Charles. *Captain Boldheart.*

25. ----- *Dickens' Christmas carol* – Bedford pictures.
26. ----- *from Dicken's Christmas carol.*
27. Dix, Beulah Marie. *Hugh Gwyneth.*
28. ----- *Merrylips.*
29. ----- *Merrylips.*
30. ----- [untitled]
31. Field, Rachel. *Eliza and the elves.*
32. ----- *Eliza and the elves.*
33. Hall, Jennie. *Buried cities.*
34. Horne, Richard H. *The good natured bear.*
35. ----- *The good natured bear.*
36. Johnson, Gaylord. *The star people.*
37. ----- *The sky movies.*
38. Jones. *The epic of kings.*
39. ----- *The epic of kings.*
40. Kingsley, Charles. *Water babies* with Goble pictures.
41. MacDonald, George. Photograph of the author.
42. ----- *The light princess*
43. ----- *The light princess.*
44. ----- *The princess and Curdie.*
45. ----- *The princess and the goblins.*
46. Martineau des Chesnez, Elizabeth. *Lady Green Satin and her maid Rosette.*
47. Pogany, Willy. Photograph of the artist.
48. Rowe. *The rabbit lantern.*
49. Ruskin, John. *King of the golden river.*

50. Shakespeare, William. *Lamb's tales from Shakespeare.*
51. Sherwood. *The merry pilgrimage.*
52. Stefansson, Vilhjalmur and Violet Irwin. *Kak, the Copper Eskimo.*
53. Stevenson, Robert Louis. *A child's garden of verses.*
54. ----- *Kidnapped – children's classics.*
55. ----- *Treasure Island with Goble pictures.*
56. Swift, Jonathan. *Gulliver's travels.*
57. Teasdale. *Rainbow gold.*
58. ----- *Rainbow gold.*
59. Tenniel, John. Photograph of the artist.
60. Thackeray, William M. *The rose and the ring.*
61. ----- *The rose and the ring.*
62. Williams. *Little Brother Francis of Assisi.*
63. Yonge, Charlotte M. *The little duke.*
64. ----- *Yonge's golden deeds.*
65. ----- *The prince and the page.*

**Alphabetical list by title:**

66. *A boy's-eye view of the Arctic.*
67. *The cat and the captain.*
68. *Enchanted forest.*
69. *English fairy tales.*
70. *King Arthur, with Rackham pictures.*
71. *The little library – Dame Wiggins of Lee.*
72. *The little library – Goody Two Shoes.*
73. *Little library – King Penguin*

74. *Little library – Memoirs of a donkey.*
75. *The London doll.*
76. *Memoirs of a London doll.*
77. *Susanna's auction.*