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<b>Accession#</b>	2015.147	
<b>Received as</b>	Donation	<b>Accession date</b> 05/06/2015
<b>Source</b>	Thomas, Dave	
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**Identity Statement:**

Title: Stangl Stencils  
 Extent of the unit of description: 1 box; .25 linear feet

**Scope & Content / Abstract:**

This collection consists of a number of stencils used in decorating pottery at the Stangl factory in the early 1950s. Many of the stencils were based on cartoons and drawings in the New Yorker magazine, but these apparently were never put into production. Others are floral patterns typical of Stangl ware.

The collection also includes a letter from the donor and one-time Stangl plant superintendant, Dave Thomas, explaining the provenance, the construction, and the use of the stencils.

**Context:**

Name of Creator: Stangl Pottery Co.

Administrative / Biographical history: Following is an excerpt from the Dave and Betty Thomas biography appearing in the Collector's Encyclopedia of Stangl Artware, Lamps and Birds:

"David W. Thomas met and courted Betty Stangl while they both were ceramics majors at Alfred University. After graduating in 1940 with a ceramic engineering degree, Dave worked in the refractory industry and then enlisted in the Flying Cadets during World War II. He and Betty were married in Glendale California in May 1942 prior to his shipping out. Martin Stangl hired Dave Thomas as ceramic engineer following World War II. Dave was engineer from 1945 until 1950 when Heinrich Below left Stangl Pottery to found Pennsbury Pottery. Dave was then promoted to plant superintendent. Dave instituted many improvements at Stangl Pottery, such as conveyors to expedite ware handling, the spraying of engobe to create a smooth, bright finish, improved durable clay bodies and developed a number of glazes and artware lines. Dave Thomas left Stangl Pottery in 1956 to purchase Ticer Pottery in Ohio and ultimately became a well-respected ceramics consultant to such firms as International Chemicals."

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**Allied Materials:**

Location of originals: Vault 1

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**Subjects**

Stencils  
Pottery making  
Pottery  
Ceramic industries  
Design drawings  
Tracings  
Cartoons  
Cartoon patterns

**Classification**

**Search terms** Stangl

Stangl Pottery

**People**

Thomas, Dave

**Notes**

It seem likely that this collection was actually passed on from Dave Thomas by Bob Perzel, who is active in Fulper/Stangl collector circles.

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