Stamp boxes
A library subject guide

The APRL owns a collection of approximately 300 antique stamp boxes. These small boxes, designed to hold and protect postage stamps and sometimes other small items, gained popularity with the advent of street letter boxes and home mail delivery in the 1880’s. The collection of stamp boxes is available by appointment in the library for research use. Following is a guide to finding more information about these miniature antiques.

Suggested search terms
“Stamp boxes” is the most common term, but the boxes are also referred to as “stampboxes”, “stamp holders”, and “stamp cases”.

Books

Journal articles

Journals

Auction catalogs