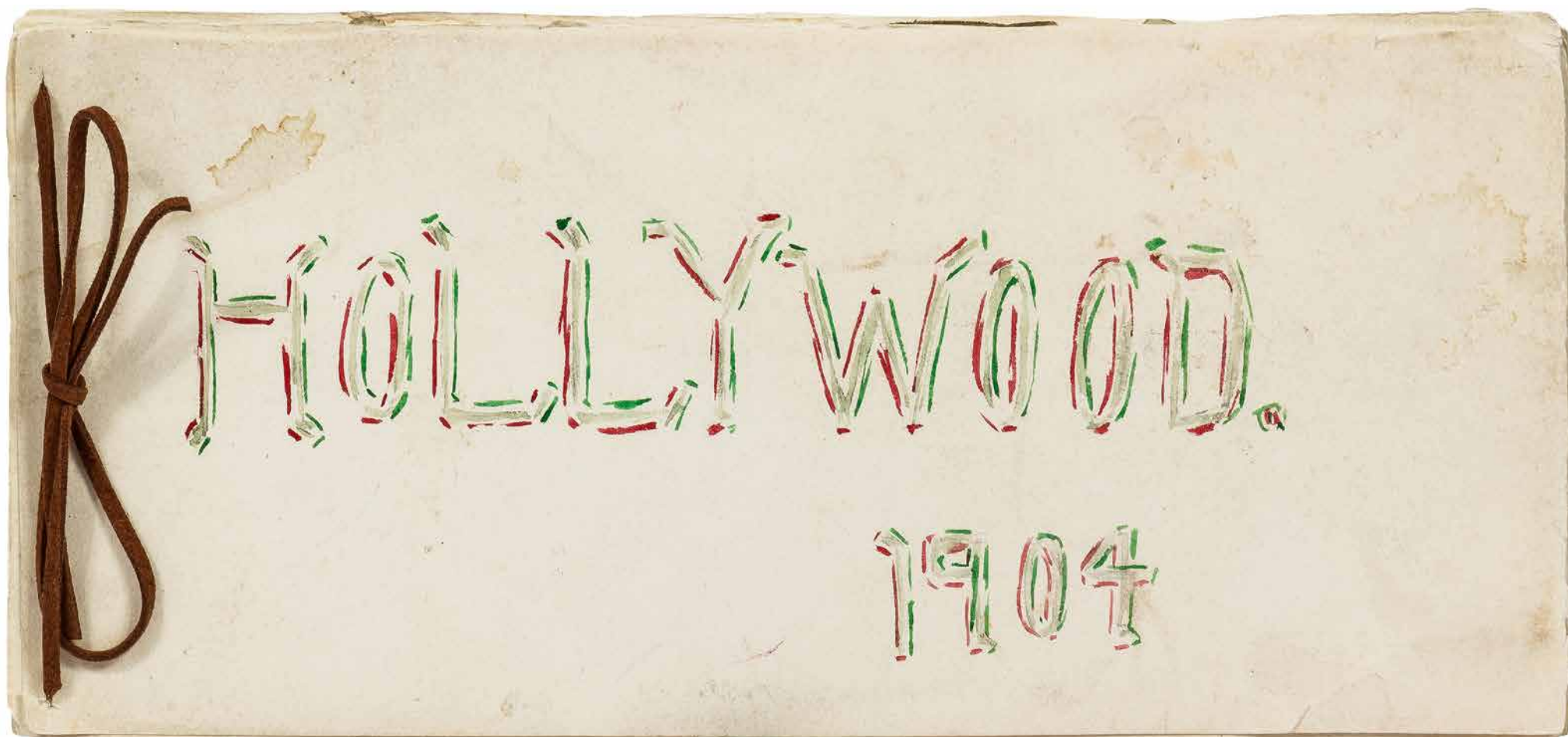




[Manuscript]: "Hollywood 1904"

Maryland: 1904

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String-tied manuscript measuring 11" x 5". 15pp. Watercolor illustrations. Very good or better with some creasing, toning, and edgewear. A handwritten manuscript for a short fantasy story, *Hollywood*, written by a young girl in 1904. The plot of the piece involves Queen Elizabeth I traveling to the small town of Catonsville, Maryland in Victorian America where she and Sir Walter Scott visit a "pet charity," which was "Hollywood, a children's summer home."

Each page is accompanied by well done watercolor illustration, of which there are 8 in all, setting the scene with landscapes and images of girls playing. The summer home was used as a camp for under privileged children in the Maryland area. They were taken in two groups, one in the early part of the summer which was girls, and a boys group in the second half of the summer. The land originally belonged to Bernard N. Baker, a Baltimore shipping magnate who donated the land to the charity at the end of the 19th century. According to a *Baltimore Sun* article from 1898 Hollywood was a "splendid charity which has for its purpose the putting of brightness into the lives that might otherwise know little of it. [BTC#426952]

Once upon a time the good Queen Elizabeth promised some of her ladies-in-waiting that she would some day visit one of their pet charities. Now this special charity was a childrens' summer home situated in the little hamlet of Catonsville. The day appointed for the royal call finally came and in great excitement and a regular English rain (sent as a delicate attention to her highness) Lady Charlotte set out in the Hollywood chariot to meet the Queen and her loyal knight Sir to alter. Electric car after electric car passed the

