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on George Peter Alexander Healy

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Portrait Gallery
<b>Title:</b>	Frederick S. Voss research material on George Peter Alexander Healy
<b>Date:</b>	1980-2007 (bulk 1998-2003)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NPG.CAP.00003
<b>Creator:</b>	Voss, Frederick S. (Researcher)
<b>Extent:</b>	5 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Research material gathered by Frederick S. Voss regarding portrait painter G. P. A. (George Peter Alexander) Healy (1813-1894), including correspondence with museums, historical societies, and libraries, articles about Healy and his sitters, as well as photocopied correspondence and manuscripts written by Healy.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Acquired from Frederick S. Voss.

### Processing Information

The Frederick S. Voss research material was processed by Alana Donocoff in December 2013.

### Preferred Citation

Frederick S. Voss research material on G.P.A. Healy, 1980-2007, bulk 1998-2003. Catalog of American Portraits, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use

The Frederick S. Voss research material is owned by the Catalog of American Portraits, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, and is available for use by researchers. The collection is subject to all copyright laws.

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## Biographical / Historical

Frederick S. Voss was the senior historian and curator of the Time Magazine covers collection at the National Portrait Gallery from 1971 - 2004. He is the author of several books: *Majestic Wrath: A Pictorial life of Frederick Douglas*, 1995; *Hemingway: A write in His time*, 1999; and *Portraits of the Presidents: The National Portrait Gallery*, 2000. Voss conducted significant research into the life and works of G. P. A. (George Peter Alexander) Healy (July 15, 1813 - June 24, 1894), American portrait painter.

## Scope and Contents

These papers are the research materials of Frederick Voss on the subject of American portrait painter G. P. A. (George Peter Alexander) Healy. The research material was compiled by Voss for a possible exhibition, and the article "Webster Replying to Hayne: George Healy and the Economics of History Painting" featured in *American Art*, 2001. The research material contains correspondence, biographical information on Healy, notes, writings, printed material, and photographs of artwork. Correspondence contains information on the current locations of Healy's portraits. Printed material includes articles written about Healy, sitters in Healy's portraits, as well as contemporary painters of Healy's time. There is much biographical information about Healy, files are arranged based on Healy's residences, throughout American and England, shown through timelines created by Voss. The collection also includes a full listing of Healy's portraits throughout his lifetime.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged as two series:

Series 1: Files

Series 2: Binders

The files are arranged according to the creator's, Frederick Voss, organization.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Names:

Healy, G.P.A. (George Peter Alexander), 1813-1894

Occupations:

Portrait painters

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Files, 1980-2007 (bulk 1998-2003)

Language: English.  
 Scope and Contents: This series contains Frederick S. Voss research and correspondence with museums, historical societies, and galleries on George Peter Alexander Healy's portraits. The series contains articles about Healy, sitters in Healy's portraits, and artists in the same time period. In addition, timelines throughout the series show different points of Healy's life based on his current location. Photocopies of correspondence from Healy as well as manuscripts and diaries he kept throughout his life. There is a large emphasis in the series on Healy's portrait, "Webster Replying to Hayne."

Drawer 1, Folder 1	Healy Contacts and Resources
Drawer 1, Folder 2	Healy auction records
Drawer 1, Folder 3	Healy research avenues
Drawer 1, Folder 4	Notes on Healy diaries, 1879-1881 (Frick Collection)
Drawer 1, Folder 5	Articles on Healy
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Drawer 1, Folder 17	G.P.A. Healy, 1956-1867: News clippings
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## Series 2: Binders, 1980-2007 (bulk 1998-2003)

Language: English.  
Scope and Contents: This series contains a listings of all the portraits painted by George Peter Alexander Healy and thier current locations. The rest of the series is arranged by year and contain images, where available, of Healy's portraits and some information about them as well.

Binder 1	Listing of Portraits by George P.A. Healy (disk in Pocket)
Binder 2	G.P.A. Healy - 1832 to 1845
Binder 3	G.P.A. Healy - 1846 to 1859
Binder 4	G.P.A. Healy - 1860 to 1866
Binder 5	G.P.A. Healy - 1867 to 1875
Binder 6	G.P.A. Healy - 1876 to 1892
Binder 7	G.P.A. Healy Self-Portrait Notebook

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