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Painted drawings by Rhodesian school  
children in the Smithsonian Institution

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Libraries
<b>Title:</b>	Painted drawings by Rhodesian school children in the Smithsonian Institution
<b>Date:</b>	1961-1967
<b>Identifier:</b>	SIL-AA.XXXX-0016
<b>Creator:</b>	Zilberg, Jonathan Leslie, 1961-
<b>Extent:</b>	24 Items (24 art originals : watercolor on paper ; mounted in album 25 x 31 cm. + 1 essay (10 leaves ; 28 cm.) + 3 appendices (5, 2, [1] leaves : ill. ; 28 cm.))
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .
<b>Summary:</b>	Consists of 24 watercolors mounted in a "Croxley Drawing Book" album ([24] p., interleaved with tissue paper) with the hand-written identification: "Watercolour drawings by f-emale & m-ale African primary school children" on p. [1] of the cover; 1 print-out of essay (2010), Painted drawings by Rhodesian school children in the Smithsonian Institution, by Jonathan Zilberg; and 1 photocopy of a "Suggested press release" for a traveling exhibition of similar paintings that toured the U.S. under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service from 1960 through 1970. The paintings were mounted in the album sometime between 1965 and 1967. The watercolors were created by children at the Nyarutsetso Art Centre, Highfield, Salisbury (now Harare) Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in the course of art classes taught by Anglican missionary and art educator, Canon Edward Paterson, and date from 1961-1967.

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Found in 2008 in the Dept. of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, among files of Dr. Gordon Gibson, former African curator, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.

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### General

Title from caption of essay.

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Paintings are marked with "f" or "m" for gender of artist.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Child artists -- Zimbabwe  
Children's art -- Zimbabwe  
Children's drawing -- Zimbabwe  
Color drawing -- Zimbabwe  
Watercolor painting, Zimbabwean -- 20th century

### Names:

Nyarutsetso Art Centre  
Paterson, Edward George, 1895-1974  
Warren M. Robbins Library -- Art collections