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Letters and greeting cards to  
Jennie Allen from Abraham Rattner

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Letters and greeting cards to Jennie Allen from Abraham Rattner
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.allejenn
<b>Date:</b>	1932-1976
<b>Creator:</b>	Allen, Jennie Rattner, Abraham
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Microfilm reel
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1976 by Jennie Allen.

### Location of Originals

Originals lent by Jennie Allen and returned to Rattner after microfilming.

### Related Materials

The Archives of American Art also holds the Abraham Rattner and Esther Gentle papers, the Abraham and Esther Rattner letter to Helen Kroll Kramer, and the oral history interview with Abraham Rattner, 1968 May-June.

### Available Formats

35mm reel 1212 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

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## Biographical / Historical

Abraham Rattner (1895-1978) was an expressionist artist in New York, New York. He was known for his richly colored paintings, often with religious subject matter. Rattner was the second of six children. Jennie R. Allen was his younger sister.

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## Scope and Contents

The microfilmed letters and greeting cards to Jennie Allen from Abraham Rattner consist of 425 letters from Abraham Rattner to his sister, Jennie R. Allen, mostly about personal and family matters. Letters also include

discussion of Rattner's art and philosophy. One letter discusses artists Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Rico Lebrun, and Erle Loran (November 8, 1972).

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Occupations:

Painters -- New York (State) -- New York