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## A Finding Aid to the Allen Memorial Art Museum records, 1916-1967, in the Archives of American Art

Allen Memorial Art Museum

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Allen Memorial Art Museum records
<b>Date:</b>	1916-1967
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.allememo
<b>Creator:</b>	Allen Memorial Art Museum
<b>Extent:</b>	51 Reels
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming in 1973 by the Allen Memorial Art Museum.

### Location of Originals

Originals in Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin, Ohio.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 726-776 available 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

The Allen Memorial Art Museum (founded 1917) is an academic art museum at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. The museum's collection contains over 15,000 works of art.

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## Scope and Contents

The microfilmed Allen Memorial Art Museum records contain general correspondence (1931-1958); business correspondence of the director (1916-1958), curators (circa 1929-1967), correspondence with dealers (1941-1953); and files of Clarence Ward, Director from 1917 until 1950, much of which relate to lectures. Also included are exhibition data (1929-1963) including correspondence and lists; financial ledgers (1938-1955); material related to a bequest from Elisabeth Severance Prentiss (Mrs. F. F. Prentiss); and miscellany. The Charles F. Olney file which includes correspondence, a catalog of the Olney collection, a list of art objects and furniture in the collection, and an index to the material; a photograph file showing the interior and exterior of the Museum, the staff, classrooms, studio, and others; and files on artists including Joseph Cornell, Richard Diebenkorn, Robert Morris, Claes Oldenburg, and William T. Wiley are also present.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Art patronage

### Names:

Cornell, Joseph  
Diebenkorn, Richard, 1922-1993  
Morris, Robert, 1931-2018  
Oldenburg, Claes, 1929-  
Olney, Charles F. (Charles Fayette), 1831-1903  
Ward, Clarence, b. 1884  
Wiley, William T., 1937-2021

### Functions:

Art museums, University and college -- Ohio -- Oberlin

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Allen Memorial Art Museum records

Reel 0726.allen, Frame 1-596	Charles F. Olney File
Reel 0726.allen, Frame 597-1603	Donors' File
Reel 0727.allen, Frame 1-598	Photograph File
Reel 0727.allen, Frame 599-918	Artists' Files
Reel 0727.allen, Frame 919-1090	Prentiss Bequest
Reel 0728.allen, Frame 1-1241	Exhibition Data, 1929-1963
Reel 0729.allen, Frame 1-1260	Exhibition Data, 1929-1963
Reel 0730.allen, Frame 1-1272	Exhibition Data, 1929-1963
Reel 0731.allen, Frame 1-1270	Exhibition Data, 1929-1963
Reel 0732.allen, Frame 1-1025	Exhibition Data, 1929-1963
Reel 0732.allen, Frame 1026-1229	American Council of Learned Societies
Reel 0733.allen, Frame 1-519	American Council of Learned Societies
Reel 0733.allen, Frame 520-696	Children's Art Classes
Reel 0733.allen, Frame 697-1241	Oberlin Art Association

Reel 0734.allen, Frame 1-147	Oberlin Art Association
Reel 0734.allen, Frame 148-443	Carnegie Corporation of America
Reel 0734.allen, Frame 444-879	Clippings and Publicity
Reel 0734.allen, Frame 880-933	American Association of Museums Quarterly
Reel 0734.allen, Frame 934-973	American College Society of Print Collectors
Reel 0734.allen, Frame 974-1028	Baldwin Lectures
Reel 0734.allen, Frame 1029-1171	Committees, Trefethan, Conferences, Symposia, Visitors
Reel 0735.allen, Frame 1-518	Committees, Trefethan, Conferences, Symposia, Visitors
Reel 0735.allen, Frame 519-802	Miller Gift Fund Correspondence
Reel 0735.allen, Frame 803-1242	Miscellany
Reel 0736.allen, Frame 1-45	Miscellany
Reel 0736.allen, Frame 46-1249	Correspondence of the Curator (A-C), circa 1929-1939
Reel 0737.allen, Frame 1-1260	Correspondence of the Curator (C-K), circa 1929-1939
Reel 0738.allen, Frame 1-1271	Correspondence of the Curator (K-S), circa 1929-1939
Reel 0739.allen, Frame 1-845	Correspondence of the Curator (S-Z), circa 1929-1939
Reel 0739.allen, Frame 846-1234	Correspondence of the Curator (A-Z), 1938-1939
Reel 0740.allen, Frame 1-551	Correspondence of the Curator (A-Z), 1939-1940

Reel 0740.allen, Frame 552-1228	Correspondence of the Curator (A-F), 1938-1944
Reel 0741.allen, Frame 1-1224	Correspondence of the Curator (G-Z), 1938-1944
Reel 0742.allen, Frame 1-1272	Correspondence of the Curator (A-K), 1940-1947
Reel 0743.allen, Frame 1-1258	Correspondence of the Curator (K-Z), 1940-1947
Reel 0744.allen, Frame 1-1253	Correspondence of the Curator (A-P), 1945-1951
Reel 0745.allen, Frame 1-292	Correspondence of the Curator (R-Z), 1941-1951
Reel 0745.allen, Frame 293-714	Correspondence with Dealers (A-K), 1941-1944
Reel 0745.allen, Frame 715-1271	Correspondence with Dealers (A-K), 1944-1947
Reel 0746.allen, Frame 1-506	Correspondence with Dealers (K-Z), 1944-1947
Reel 0746.allen, Frame 507-1246	Correspondence with Dealers (A-S), 1947-1953
Reel 0747.allen, Frame 1-335	Correspondence with Dealers (S-Z), 1947-1953
Reel 0747.allen, Frame 336-409	Committee on Purchase & Sale of Art Objects & on Fine Arts Accessions, circa 1942-1953
Reel 0747.allen, Frame 410-1249	Correspondence of the Curator (A-I), 1952-1956
Reel 0748.allen, Frame 1-1254	Correspondence of the Curator (I-Sw), 1952-1956
Reel 0749.allen, Frame 1-369	Correspondence of the Curator (Sw-Z), 1952-1956
Reel 0749.allen, Frame 370-953	Correspondence of the Curator (A-Z), 1955-1956
Reel 0749.allen, Frame 954-1429	Correspondence of the Curator (A-Z), 1957

Reel 0749.allen, Frame 1430-1659	Correspondence of the Curator (A-H), 1958
Reel 0750.allen, Frame 1-511	Correspondence of the Curator (H-Z), 1958
Reel 0750.allen, Frame 512-1193	Correspondence of the Curator (A-Z), 1959-1960
Reel 0750.allen, Frame 1194-1660	Correspondence of the Curator (A-S), 1961
Reel 0751.allen, Frame 1-80	Correspondence of the Curator (1961, S-Z)
Reel 0751.allen, Frame 81-1169	Correspondence of the Curator (A-Z), 1959-1963
Reel 0751.allen, Frame 1170-1617	Correspondence of the Curator (A-D), 1963-1966
Reel 0752.allen, Frame 1-1307	Correspondence of the Curator (D-Z), 1963-1966
Reel 0752.allen, Frame 1308-1604	Correspondence of the Curator (A-C), 1966-1967
Reel 0753.allen, Frame 1-1639	Correspondence of the Curator (C-Z), 1966-1967
Reel 0754.allen, Frame 1-358	Publicity
Reel 0754.allen, Frame 359-441	Kress Correspondence
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Reel 0754.allen, Frame 610-1195	Financial Ledgers, 1938-1953 May
Reel 0755.allen, Frame 1-542	Financial Ledgers, 1953 July-1955 June
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Reel 0757.allen, Frame 41-1620	Letters Received, 1916-1927 January 28
Reel 0758.allen, Frame 1-156	Letters Received, 1927 January 29-December 29
Reel 0758.allen, Frame 157-1614	Letters Sent (Copies Of), (A-C), 1918-1931
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Reel 0762.allen, Frame 1-633	General Correspondence (M-Z), 1931-1937
Reel 0762.allen, Frame 634-1643	General Correspondence (A-G), 1938-1944
Reel 0763.allen, Frame 1-1657	General Correspondence (G-J), 1938-1944
Reel 0764.allen, Frame 1-1636	General Correspondence (J-S), 1938-1944
Reel 0765.allen, Frame 1-664	General Correspondence (S-Z), 1938-1944
Reel 0765.allen, Frame 665-1629	General Correspondence (C-F), 1940-1944, 1944-1947
Reel 0766.allen, Frame 1-1608	General Correspondence (C-F), 1940-1944, 1944-1947
Reel 0767.allen, Frame 1-822	General Correspondence (C-F), 1940-1944, 1944-1947
Reel 0767.allen, Frame 823-1629	General Correspondence (A-C), 1947-1951

Reel 0768.allen, Frame 1-1623	General Correspondence (C-M), 1947-1951
Reel 0769.allen, Frame 1-1661	General Correspondence (M-S), 1947-1951
Reel 0770.allen, Frame 1-825	General Correspondence (S-Z), 1947-1951
Reel 0770.allen, Frame 826-1631	General Correspondence (A-B), 1951-1957
Reel 0771.allen, Frame 1-1651	General Correspondence (B-G), 1951-1957
Reel 0772.allen, Frame 1-1623	General Correspondence (G-K), 1951-1957
Reel 0773.allen, Frame 1-1626	General Correspondence (K-P), 1951-1957
Reel 0774.allen, Frame 1-1661	General Correspondence (P-S), 1951-1957
Reel 0775.allen, Frame 1-1242	General Correspondence (S-Z), 1951-1957
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