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Collection Overview

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

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.

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.

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

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
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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
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Reel 0732.allen, Frame 1-1025	Exhibition Data, 1929-1963
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Reel 0734.allen, Frame 1029-1171	Committees, Trefethan, Conferences, Symposia, Visitors
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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
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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
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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
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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
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Reel 0775.allen, Frame 1-1242	General Correspondence (S-Z), 1951-1957
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Reel 0776.allen, Frame 1-1006	General Correspondence (F-Z), 1957-1958

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