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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>Identifier:</b>	AAA.allememo
<b>Date:</b>	1916-1967
<b>Extent:</b>	51 Reels
<b>Creator:</b>	Allen Memorial Art Museum
<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.

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## 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-

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 Charles F. Olney File  
1-596

Reel 0726.allen, Frame Donors' File  
597-1603

Reel 0727.allen, Frame Photograph File  
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Reel 0727.allen, Frame Artists' Files  
599-918

Reel 0727.allen, Frame Prentiss Bequest  
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Reel 0728.allen, Frame Exhibition Data, 1929-1963  
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Reel 0729.allen, Frame Exhibition Data, 1929-1963  
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Reel 0730.allen, Frame Exhibition Data, 1929-1963  
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Reel 0731.allen, Frame Exhibition Data, 1929-1963  
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Reel 0732.allen, Frame Exhibition Data, 1929-1963  
1-1025

Reel 0732.allen, Frame American Council of Learned Societies  
1026-1229

Reel 0733.allen, Frame American Council of Learned Societies  
1-519

Reel 0733.allen, Frame Children's Art Classes  
520-696

Reel 0733.allen, Frame Oberlin Art Association  
697-1241

Reel 0734.allen, Frame Oberlin Art Association  
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Reel 0734.allen, Frame Carnegie Corporation of America  
148-443

Reel 0734.allen, Frame Clippings and Publicity  
444-879

Reel 0734.allen, Frame American Association of Museums Quarterly  
880-933

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Reel 0734.allen, Frame Baldwin Lectures  
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Reel 0734.allen, Frame Committees, Trefethan, Conferences, Symposia, Visitors  
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Reel 0735.allen, Frame Committees, Trefethan, Conferences, Symposia, Visitors  
1-518

Reel 0735.allen, Frame Miller Gift Fund Correspondence  
519-802

Reel 0735.allen, Frame Miscellany  
803-1242

Reel 0736.allen, Frame Miscellany  
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Reel 0736.allen, Frame Correspondence of the Curator (A-C), circa 1929-1939  
46-1249

Reel 0737.allen, Frame Correspondence of the Curator (C-K), circa 1929-1939  
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Reel 0738.allen, Frame Correspondence of the Curator (K-S), circa 1929-1939  
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Reel 0739.allen, Frame Correspondence of the Curator (S-Z), circa 1929-1939  
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Reel 0739.allen, Frame Correspondence of the Curator (A-Z), 1938-1939  
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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

Reel 0754.allen, Frame 442-607 Kenwood Correspondence & Clippings

Reel 0754.allen, Frame 610-1195 Financial Ledgers, 1938-1953 May



Reel 0755.allen, Frame 1-542 Financial Ledgers, 1953 July-1955 June

Reel 0755.allen, Frame 543-1289 Clarence Ward Material

Reel 0756.allen, Frame 1-1658 Clarence Ward Material

Reel 0757.allen, Frame 1-40 Clarence Ward Material

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

Reel 0759.allen, Frame 1-1634 Letters Sent (Copies Of), (C-W), 1918-1931

Reel 0760.allen, Frame 1-80 Letters Sent (Copies Of), (W-Z), 1918-1931

Reel 0760.allen, Frame 81-1640 Clarence Ward, Lecture Correspondence, 1931-1944

Reel 0761.allen, Frame 1-1639 General Correspondence (A-M), 1931-1937

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

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Reel 0768.allen, Frame 1-1623 General Correspondence (C-M), 1947-1951

Reel 0769.allen, Frame 1-1661 General Correspondence (M-S), 1947-1951

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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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