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Allen (Roberts) papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Roberta Allen papers
<b>Date:</b>	1967-2000
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.allerobe
<b>Creator:</b>	Allen, Roberta, 1945-
<b>Extent:</b>	5.3 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated in 2022 by Roberta Allen.

### Restrictions

Personal diaries are access restricted; written permission is required. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Access to original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center.

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## Biographical / Historical

Roberta Allen (1945- ) is an artist and writer based in New York City.

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## Scope and Contents

The Roberta Allen papers measure 5.3 linear feet and date from 1967 to 2000, with the bulk from 1967 to 1983. The collection documents Allen's work through biographical material, personal and professional correspondence, writings, personal business records, exhibition and project files, photographic material, printed material, preparatory materials, and artwork.

The writings include personal diaries from throughout the 1970s, as well as artist statements. Correspondence is primarily professional in nature with curators and dealers, most prominently John Weber Gallery in New York and Walter Storms Gallery in Munich, among others. Business records include information regarding donations, trades, and sales of artworks. Project and exhibition files contain detailed plans for various exhibitions in museums and galleries. Photographic formats include slides, transparencies, negatives, black and white prints, and color prints. Printed material includes exhibition catalogues, printed ephemera, and clippings. The collection includes extensive preparatory materials exist for many series of photographic works and unique or limited edition artist books, sketchbooks, loose drawings, and photo collages.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Types of Materials:

- Drawings
- Sketchbooks

### Names:

- John Weber Gallery

### Occupations:

- Authors -- New York (State) -- New York
- Conceptual artists -- New York (State) -- New York