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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	American Handicraft Council records
Date:	circa 1937-1940
Identifier:	AAA.amerhand
Creator:	American Handicraft Council
Extent:	1 Microfilm reel (circa 750 items on 1 microfilm reel)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1982 and 1985 by the Society of Arts & Crafts.

Related Materials

The Archives of American Art also holds the Society of Arts and Crafts records, 1899-1960.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 3466 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Reproduction Note

Some of the correspondence in file concerning fundraising is photocopied.

Citation

American Handicraft Council records, circa 1937-1940. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

Restrictions

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

Biographical / Historical

The American Handicraft Council was founded in 1939 in Wilmington, Delaware. It merged with the Handcraft Cooperative League of America in 1942 to form the organization now known as the American Craft Council. Humphery Emery, who appears in this collection, was director of the Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston in the 1930s and became secretary of the American Handicraft Council upon its founding. The two organizations worked closely together in 1939-1940 to conduct an economic survey of handicrafts, first in New England, and later in the United States. As Emery kept papers concerning both organizations, additional material pertaining to the American Handicraft Council can be found in the papers of the Society of Arts and Crafts.

Scope and Contents

The microfilmed American Handicraft Council records contain a certificate of incorporation; draft of articles of incorporation and by-laws; meeting minutes (1939 April-1940 January); 12 reports regarding progress of activities and council objectives; a fundraising file containing correspondence (some photocopies) between the American Handicraft Council and possible contributors (1937-1939); and a list of sponsors. Also included are files on the economic study of handicrafts in the United States under a grant from the Carnegie Corporation including surveys of craftspersons' production, marketing, and financing skills and experiences; photographs of sample handicrafts; financial records; and miscellany.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Decorative arts
Handicraft

Types of Materials:

Interviews

Names:

Carnegie Corporation of New York
Emery, Humphery
Society of Arts and Crafts (Boston, Mass.)

Functions:

Arts organizations