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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Artists' Fund Society records
Date:	1835-1855
Identifier:	AAA.artifund
Creator:	Artists' Fund Society of Philadelphia
Extent:	2 Microfilm reels (partial microfilm reels)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Microfilmed by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania for the Archives of American Art, 1955.

Location of Originals

Reel P28: Originals in Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Association, club and society records.

Location of Originals

Reel P24: Originals in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Society Collection.

Related Materials

The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts holds the Artists' Fund Society records, 1835-1868. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania holds the Artists' Fund Society's Minutes and papers, 1835-1858.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels P24 (fr. 7-10) & P28 (fr. 699-903) available for use at Archives of American Art offices and 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 Artists' Fund Society of Philadelphia (est. 1835) created a fund for "mutual advancement and relief," as well as the goal of providing financial assistance to artists and their families in times of adversity.

Scope and Contents

The Artists' Fund Society records, microfilmed on Reel P24 contain a manuscript of the constitution (1837); a memorial to the U.S. Congress that the Revenue Bill should include a tax on every foreign print or picture brought into the United States for protection of American Artists, signed by John Neagle, President of the Artists' Fund Society (1841 August 27); and a list of members (1855 October). Also included on Reel P28 are minute books (1835-1843), 302 pages, index on frames 699-703; proof sheets of the charter and by-laws of the Society, corrected and signed by John Sartain; letters of acceptance to honorary membership (1837-1838), index on frame 857; miscellaneous autograph letters and notes from artists and others (1836-1858), index on frame 879.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Neagle, John, 1796-1865
Sartain, John, 1808-1897

Functions:

Arts organizations -- Pennsylvania