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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Art-Union of Philadelphia selected records
<b>Date:</b>	1848-1888
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.artunio
<b>Creator:</b>	Art-Union of Philadelphia
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Microfilm reels
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Material on reel 3656 lent, 1985, by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, which has more extensive records of Art Union of Philadelphia in its collections. AAA did not microfilm the complete records of the Art-Union. Material on reel P90 lent, 1955, for microfilming by the Free Library of Philadelphia.

### Location of Originals

Reels P90: Originals in the Free Library of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### Location of Originals

Reel 3656: Originals in Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels P89-P90 & 3656 available at Archives of American Art offices, through interlibrary loan and at the Free Library of Philadelphia.

### 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 Art-Union of Philadelphia was founded in 1844 and incorporated in 1847 to encourage appreciation of American artists. It organized free exhibitions which were held at the Union's gallery at 210 Chestnut Street; sold paintings from these exhibitions; and established a membership program that entitled members to the monthly publication, *Philadelphia Art Union Reporter*, as well as other membership benefits.

## Scope and Contents

The Art-Union of Philadelphia selected records, microfilmed on Reel 3656, contain 11 issues of the *Philadelphia Art Union Reporter* (1851-1852), the Art-Union's official publication which published the charter, by-laws, lists of officers and exhibitions, sales from the gallery, listings of artists' cards, and other general information relating to the Art-Union; as well as 2 volumes of the "Transactions of the Philadelphia Art Union" (1848-1849), which include proceedings of annual meetings, constitution and by-laws, announcements of meetings, information on awards and prices, and lists of certificate holders. Also included on Reel P90 are annual and biennial reports (1882-1888) from the Board of Managers.

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## Other Title

Philadelphia Art-Union Reporter [microfilm title]

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Functions:

Clubs -- Pennsylvania  
Clubs -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia

### Preferred Titles:

*Philadelphia Art-Union Reporter*