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John Barber papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	John Barber papers
<b>Date:</b>	1911-1975
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.barbjohn
<b>Creator:</b>	Barber, John, 1893-1965
<b>Extent:</b>	3 Microfilm reels (1,000 items on 3 microfilm reels)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Barber's wife, Margaret, gave the papers to Signature Galleries.

### Location of Originals

Originals were returned to lender after microfilming.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 578-580 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Citation

John Barber papers, 1911-1975. 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.

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## Biographical / Historical

John Barber (1893-1965) was a painter, etcher, and illustrator. He was also the art editor of the socialist magazine, *The Masses*.

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## Scope and Contents

The microfilmed John Barber papers contain correspondence; sketches and 46 sketchbooks; a Jules Pascin sketchbook (1922); photographs of Barber, Pascin, and Helen and John Sloan; personal documents; exhibition catalogs; and clippings. Among the correspondents are George Biddle, Stuart Davis, Maurice Becker, Morris Blackburn, Frederic Taubes, Robert Laurent, Emlen Etting, Duncan Phillips, Edith and Ira Glackens, Max Eastman, Robert Minor, Roland McKinney, Albert Werner, Will Durant, Art Young, H. L. Mencken, William B. Tholen, William C. Bullitt, and Ben Hecht.

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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:

Sketchbooks

### Names:

Becker, Maurice, 1889-1975  
Biddle, George, 1885-1973  
Blackburn, Morris, 1902-1979  
Bullitt, William C. (William Christian), 1891-1967  
Davis, Stuart, 1892-1964  
Durant, Will, 1885-  
Eastman, Max, 1883-1969  
Etting, Emlen, 1905-1993  
Glackens, Edith  
Glackens, Ira, 1907-1990  
Hecht, Ben, 1893-1964  
Laurent, Robert, 1890-1970  
McKinney, Roland J. (Roland Joseph), b. 1898  
Mencken, H. L. (Henry Louis), 1880-1956  
Minor, Robert  
Pascin, Jules, 1885-1930  
Phillips, Duncan, 1886-1966  
Sloan, Helen Farr, 1911-2005  
Sloan, John, 1871-1951  
Taubes, Frederic, 1900-  
Tholen, William B.  
Werner, Albert  
Young, Art, 1866-1943

### Occupations:

Etchers  
Illustrators  
Painters