A Finding Aid to the Chester Beach Papers, 1846-1999, bulk circa 1900-1999, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives of American Art
Title: Chester Beach papers
Identifier: AAA.beacches
Date: 1846-1999  (bulk 1895-1999)
Extent: 7.32 Linear feet
Creator: Beach, Chester, 1881-1956
Language: English
Summary: The Chester Beach papers measure 7.32 linear feet and date from 1846 to 1999, with the bulk of the material dating from circa 1900 to 1999. The work and professional activities of Beaux Arts sculptor Chester Beach (1881-1956) and his family's efforts to exhibit and sell work from the estate are documented by project files, business records, correspondence, scrapbooks, printed material, and photographs. The papers also include many artist-designed Christmas cards sent and received by the Beach family, and artwork by Chester Beach and others.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Chester Beach's daughter, Eleanor Beach Fitchen, lent materials for microfilming in 1967 and 1967. Subsequent papers were donated in 2009 by the estate of Eleanor Beach Fitchen, through her grandson and executor, John Fitchen.

Separated Materials
Also in the Archives of American Art is microfilm of papers lent for microfilming (reels N727-N729 and N68-11) including passports, genealogical materials, photograph albums, travel sketches, travel diaries of Mrs. Beach, and business and family correspondence. While the obituary letters on reel N68-11 are referenced in a scrapbook in Series 8, all other loaned materials were returned to the lender and are not described in the collection container inventory.

Available Formats
The bulk of the collection was digitized in 2017 and is available on the Archives of American Art's website. Materials which have not been scanned include blank pages, blank versos of photographs, and duplicates. In some cases, exhibition catalogs and other publications have had their covers, title pages, and relevant pages scanned.
Materials lent for microfilming are available on 35mm microfilm reels N727-N729 and N68-11 at the Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Processing Information

The collection was processed in 2011 by Catherine Gaines. One item was previously microfilmed on reel 1817 and has been integrated with the bulk of the papers; the reel is no longer in circulation. Earlier loaned material is available only on microfilm. The glass plate negatives were re-processed and the finding aid updated by Anna Rimel in 2014 with funding provided by the Smithsonian Collections Care and Preservation Fund. The collection was prepared for digitization by Judy Ng and digitized in 2016, with funding provided by the Terra Foundation for American Art.

Preferred Citation


Restrictions

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Biographical / Historical

Sculptor Chester Beach (1881-1956) was known for portrait busts, allegorical and mythological figures, coins and medallion art in the Beaux-Arts tradition. He lived and worked in New York City and Brewster, New York.

Chester Beach, son of Chilion Beach and Elizabeth Ferris Beach, was born in San Francisco on May 23, 1881. Beach initially studied at the California School of Mechanical Arts in 1899. He remained in San Francisco and between 1900 and 1902 continued his art training at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art while working as a jewelry designer. To further his career and exposure to artistic trends, Beach moved to New York City in 1903. The following year, he went to Paris, enrolled at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts, and also studied with Raoul Verlet at the Académie Julian.

Upon his return to New York in 1907, Beach established a studio on Tenth Street. He won the National Academy of Design’s Barnett Prize for sculpture in 1907 and the Academy elected him an Associate Artist the following year. His increased stature resulted in numerous portrait commissions and eventually led to commissions for monuments and architectural sculpture. In 1910, Chester Beach married Eleanor Hollis Murdock, a painter he met when both were art students in Paris. The couple spent the next two years in Rome; for several years after returning, Beach continued to spend time in Italy and maintained a studio in Rome.
Solo exhibitions of Beach's work were presented at Macbeth Gallery (1912), Pratt Institute (1913), Cincinnati Art Museum (1916), John Herron Art Institute (1916), and Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester (1917). In addition to frequent participation in annual exhibitions at the National Academy of Design and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Beach was represented in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition (1915), and in group shows at venues including: Art Institute of Chicago, Boston Art Club, California Palace of the Legion of Honor, and National Arts Club.

The gold medal presented by Académie Julian (1905), Beach's first award, was followed by many other prizes, among them: American Numismatic Society prize for a medal commemorating the Peace of Versailles (1919) and its Saltus Medal for distinguished medallic art (1946); Architectural League of New York gold medal (1924); National Academy of Design Barnett Prize (1907) and Watrous gold medal (1926); National Arts Club medal and prizes (1923, 1926, 1932); and the Panama-Pacific International Exposition silver medal (1915).

Beach was an Academician of the National Academy of Design, a member of the American Numismatic Society, Architectural League of New York, National Arts Club, National Institute of Arts and Letters, and the National Sculpture Society (President, 1927-1928).

For more than 40 years, Beach lived and worked at 207 East 17th Street. The brownstone, purchased in 1913, was large enough for the family's home, his studio, and additional studios that were rented to other artists. Through barter, Beach acquired land in Brewster, New York, and in 1917 hired Italian stonemasons to build a studio. Later, they erected a summer house for the family. Many old stone walls on the site provided material for both buildings and Beach named the property Oldwalls.

After a long illness, Chester Beach died at Oldwalls on August 6, 1956. The funeral service was held at his Brewster, New York, studio and he is buried in Cold Spring Cemetery, Cold Spring, New York.

Scope and Contents

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Biographical material consists of biographical notes, identification cards, and a membership certificate.

Project files contain correspondence, financial records, notes, drawings and plans, research materials, printed matter, and photographs that document commissions for sculpture, medals and coins, monuments, and Beach's own projects. Among the most thoroughly documented projects are a fountain sculpture for the grounds of the Cleveland Museum of Art (Sun, Earth, Fountain of the Waters, and Zodiac) and the Edward W. Bok Memorial in Mountain Lake, Florida; both commissions were executed in conjunction with the firm of Frederick Law Olmsted.

Business records include Chester Beach's general business correspondence and correspondence concerning consignments. An address book records names, addresses, and occasionally indicates prices of services and supplies used by the sculptor. Other record books detail expenses and income of the studio building Beach owned, with a list of the effects of the former owner, sculptor William Couper; bronzes cast; sales, with titles, prices, and buyers; names and addresses of clients, dealers, and suppliers; and instructions for cleaning and bronzing plaster.
Family correspondence consists mainly of letters, many mentioning Chester Beach, and addressed to Mrs. Chester Beach and daughter Eleanor Beach Fitchen. Estate correspondence and related documents concern efforts to exhibit, sell, and research Beach's remaining work. These records, for the most part, were created by Mrs. Fitchen who acted as sales agent, ran the Chester Beach Memorial Studio, and maintained the Beach archive. Of particular interest is a series of letters from Brenda Kuhn that relate what she learned from handling the estate of her father, Walt Kuhn; in addition, she offered ideas and advice about exhibitions, the Memorial Studio, and the Beach Centennial.

Beach designed his family's annual Christmas cards, most of which incorporate images of their three daughters. A complete set, preserved in an album, includes a few later cards that reproduce artwork by his widow. Many of the cards received in an album, some with original artwork - are from artist friends, among them: Ernest Blumenschein, Edward W. Greacen, Hazel Brill Jackson, Paul Jennewein, Bonnie Leibig, F. Luis Mora, Robert Nisbet, and Ezra Winter. Also of note are a card from Walker Hancock bearing a photograph of his studio; a painting of Beach's Sylvan at Brookgreen Gardens, reproduced on Anna Hyatt Huntington's card; and a card from Beach patron Mary Jester Allen containing a brief note about the Frontier Art Colony she had established near Cody, Wyoming.

Among the drawings and sketches by Chester Beach are student work, designs for some of his Christmas cards, and a sketchbook containing drawings of sculpture. Work by other artists consists of prints, including one by Ezra Winter.

Three scrapbooks, largely comprised of newspaper clippings and other printed material, contain a variety of other items, including: letters from the American Academy in Rome, Architectural League of New York, Ecole des Beaux Arts, Daniel Chester French, Hazel Brill Jackson, Frederick MacMonnies, National Academy of Design, National Sculpture Society, Jessica B. Piezotto, and Salon d'Autome. There are also awards and certificates from the National Academy of Design, Panama-Pacific International Exposition; bookplates and a place card Beach etched for Mr. and Mrs. George Davison; and an unfinished poem by FitzRoy Carrington. Photographs within the scrapbooks are of a night school class Beach attended at the Mark Hopkins Art Institute in San Francisco, Beach at work in his studio, and a portrait of him painted by G. Laurance Nelson.

Printed material includes Panama-Pacific International Exposition guide books, brochures about the Chester Beach Memorial Studio in Brewster, New York, and catalogs for solo and group exhibitions.

Photographs and glass plate negatives of artwork are mainly of Chester Beach's sculpture and include views of work in progress. Also found are photographs of drawings and sculpture from his student years in California and Paris. Pictures of work by other artists are portraits of Chester Beach painted by G. Laurance Nelson and by his daughter, Natalie Beach McLaury. Among the photographs of Chester Beach are several by Gertrude Kasebier, circa 1910. Other pictures show Beach in his studio, Beach with family and friends, and a "Dinner tendered to Edmund W. Greacen by Samuel T. Shaw, Salmagundi Club, March 2, 1922." Places documented are Beach's boyhood home in San Francisco, the interiors of his studios, and Brookgreen Gardens. Miscellaneous subjects are nude models.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged as 10 series. Glass plate negatives are housed separately and closed to researchers.

- Series 1: Biographical Material, 1910-1947 (4 folders; Box 1)
- Series 2: Project Files, 1846-1999 (1.6 linear feet; Boxes 1-2, 11, OV 12-13)
- Series 3: Business Records, circa 1900-1958 (0.4 linear feet; Boxes 2-3)
- Series 4: Writings, 1913-1935 (2 folders; Box 3)
Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Artists' studios
- Eclecticism in architecture
- Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York
- Sculptors, American -- New York (State) -- New York
- Sculpture -- Economic aspects
- Sculpture -- Equipment and supplies
- Sculpture -- Technique

Types of Materials:
- Christmas cards
- Drawings
- Photographs
- Prints
- Scrapbooks
- Sketchbooks
- Sketches

Names:
- Allen, Mary Jester
- American Academy in Rome
- Architectural League of New York
- Beach, Eleanor Murdock
- Blumenschein, Ernest Leonard, 1874-1960
- Carrington, Fitz Roy, 1869-1954
- Cleveland Museum of Art
- Couper, William, 1853-1942
- Ecole nationale supérieure des beaux-arts (France)
- Fitchen, Eleanor Beach
- French, Daniel Chester, 1850-1931
- Frontier Art Colony
- Greacen, Edmund W., 1876-1949
- Hancock, Walker Kirtland, 1901-1998
- Jackson, Hazel Brill
- Jennewein, Carl Paul, 1890-
- Kuhn, Brenda, 1911-
- Kuhn, Walt, 1877-1949
- Käsebier, Gertrude, 1852-1934
- Leibig, Bonnie
- MacMonnies, Frederick William, 1863-1937
Mark Hopkins Institute of Art
Mora, F. Luis (Francis Luis), 1874-1940
National Academy of Design (U.S.)
National Sculpture Society (U.S.)
Nelson, Laurence, 1887-1978
Nisbet, Robert H., 1879-1961
Olmsted, Frederick Law, 1822-1903
Panama-Pacific International Exposition (1915: San Francisco, Calif.)
Piexotto, Jessica B.
Salmagundi Club
Salon d'automne
Winter, Ezra, 1886-1949
Container Listing

Series 1: Biographical Material, 1910-1947

*4 Folders (Box 1)*

Biographical material consists of biographical notes, identification cards, and a membership certificate from the National Institute of Arts and Letters. The legal document concerns a piano-forte - a wedding gift Thomas Leeming shipped to the Beaches in Rome - that would return to New York with them.

Materials are arranged by document type. Scrapbooks (Series 8) contain additional biographical material, including: exhibitors' cards, certificates of award from the Panama-Pacific International Exposition and The Architectural League of New York, and a certificate of election as Academician of the National Academy of Design.

This series has been scanned in its entirety.

Box 1, Folder 1  
Biographical Notes, circa 1920-1947

Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 2  
Insurance and Social Security Cards, 1947

Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 3  
Legal Document, U. S. Consulate in Rome, 1910

Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 4  
Membership Certificate, 1918

Image(s)

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Series 2: Project Files, 1846-1999

1.6 Linear feet (Boxes 1-2, 11, OV 12-13)

Project files document commissions and a few proposals for commissions not awarded, as well as Beach's own projects. The files - some sparse, and others extremely detailed - may include correspondence, financial records, notes, drawings, printed material, and photographs. Photographs are mainly of completed sculpture, but many files also contain views of maquettes, work in progress, and pictures of sitters. Found less frequently are site photographs and pictures of events such as unveilings and dedication ceremonies.

*Sun and Earth, Fountain of the Waters,* and *Zodiac* produced for the Fine Art Gardens of the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the *Edward W. Bok Memorial* in Mountain Lake, Florida, are among Beach's most extensively documented commissions. These projects were done in conjunction with Frederick Law Olmsted, and their respective files contain correspondence with Olmsted and members of his firm.

Other well-documented projects of note are: *Riders of the Elements,* commissioned for the 1939 New York World's Fair; Brewster (NY) Civil War Monument, Crosby Post #302, with documentation of its late 20th century restoration; six busts commissioned for the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, 1924-1932; and portrait busts, *President William Henry Harrison* for the Virginia State Capitol and *Senator Oscar W. Underwood* for the United States Capitol. The project file for *The Legend of Archmere* contains numerous finished drawings.

Nineteenth century items consist of a few publications and prints used as reference sources for portraits. Posthumous material in these files was added by Eleanor Beach Fitchen who ran the Chester Beach Memorial Studio, acted as the estate's sales agent, and maintained her father's archive.

Materials are arranged alphabetically by artwork title or by name of subject.

This series has been scanned in its entirety.

- **Box 1, Folder 5**
  - Alderfer, Jacob Franklin Alderfer, 1947
  - Image(s)

- **Box 1, Folder 6**
  - A.T. and T., *Service to the Nation in War and Peace* (bronze and marble), 1924-1926
  - Image(s)
  - Oversized material housed in OV 13

- **Box 1**
  - Babbott

- **Box 1, Folder 7**
  - *Dr. Frank Babbott* (bronze, 1933); *Family hands* (bronze), 1933-1934
  - Image(s)

- **Box 1, Folder 8**
  - *Lydia Babbott* (ivory and 4 bronzes, 1931), 1931
  - Image(s)

- **Box 1, Folder 9**
  - *A Bacchante* (marble, 1910?), circa 1990
  - Image(s)

- **Box 1, Folder 10**
  - *Bacchus and Faun* (bronze, 1908), circa 1920
Box 1

Box 1, Folder 11  
*Beata Beach* (terra cotta), circa 1940

Box 1, Folder 12  
*My Wife, Eleanor* (marble), 1914-1915

Box 1, Folder 13  
*Beyond* (marble, 1920), 1996

Box 1, Folder 14  
*Big Wave* (bronze, 1913), 1965

Box 1

Bok, *Edward W. Bok Memorial* (Mountain Lake, Florida, 1928)

Box 1, Folder 15  
Correspondence, Financial Records, 1927-1931

Box 1, Folder 16  
Notes, Drawings, Printed Material, Photographs, 1927-1959

Box 1, Folder 17  
*Boy with Boat* (ivory, 1920), 1965-1966

Box 1, Folder 18  
*Boy with Pipes* (bronze, 1918), 1920

Box 1, Folder 19  
*Breath of the Pines* (bronze, 1906-1907), circa 1920

Box 1

*Brewster Civil War Monument*, Crosby Post #302 (bronze and marble, 1933)

Box 1, Folder 20  
Correspondence, Working Sketches, Printed Material, 1932-1933

Box 1, Folder 21  
Restoration, 1997-1998

Box 1, Folder 22  
Photographs, circa 1933, 1997-1998
Box 1

Brown

Box 1, Folder 23  
Gordon Brown Memorial (marble, 1914), 1914
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 24  
John Crosby Brown Memorial (bronze, 1910), 1910
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 25  
Brunn, Freda M. Brunn Memorial (bronze, 1909-1910), circa 1920
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 26  
Buffalo Bill Half Dollar (not produced), 1936
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 27  
Chalmers, Ann Chalmers (terra cotta), 1941
Image(s)

Box 1

Cleveland Museum of Art

Box 1, Folder 28  
Correspondence, 1926
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 29  
Correspondence, 1927
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 30  
Correspondence, 1928
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 31  
Notes; Drawing; Plan; Printed Material, circa 1926-1938
Image(s)
Oversized material housed in OV 13

Box 1

Photographs

Box 1, Folder 32  
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 33  
Models and Construction, circa 1926-1928
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 34  
Site, circa 1926-1927
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 35  
Dedication Ceremony, 1928
Cloud (marble, 1912), circa 1920

Crane Fountain (Hathaway Brown School, Cleveland; bronze, 1930), 1930
Oversized material housed in OV 12

Crowing, circa 1920

Crying (terra cotta, 1915), circa 1920

George W. Davison (bronze, 1910), 1910

Harriet Davison (marble, 1913), 1912-1942

Robert and Alfred Davison (Wesleyan College Infirmary; marble, 1935), 1935

Dawn Evening; Dawn Youth and Age; Head of Dawn (marble, 1918), 1918

De Silver, Harrison De Silver, One Year (marble, 1915), 1915

De Vinne, Louis De Vinne (bronze, 1926), 1912-1936

Doherty, Henry L. Doherty, 1932-1942

Echo of Greece (ivory, bronze), circa 1920

Elliot, Professor Elliot (bronze, 1918), 1918

Emmons, George E. Emmons (General Electric Co.; bronze, 1925), 1925
Box 1, Folder 50  
*First Born* (marble, 1912), circa 1920  
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 51  
*Fish Fountain* (cement, 1922?), circa 1920  
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 52  
*Fitchen, Douglas Beach Fitchen, Ellen Elizabeth Fitchen, and Anne W. Fitchen* [Beach grandchildren], circa 1920, 1970  
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 53  
*Fountain Figure*, circa 1920  
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 54  
*Gates, Dorothy Gates, Ten Days Old*, 1924  
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 55  
*Glint of the Sea* (bronze, 1924), 1928-1965  
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 56  
*Grant, Madison Grant* (bronze, circa 1919-1920), 1920  
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 57  
*Gray, William S. Gray* (bronze, 1925?), 1935-1968  
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 58  
*Great Grandmother* (marble), 1946  
Image(s)

Box 1  
Hall of Fame for Great Americans, New York

Box 1, Folder 59  
*Peter Cooper* (bronze, 1924), 1924  
Image(s)  
Oversized material housed in OV 12

Box 1, Folder 60  
*Asa Gray* (bronze, 1925), 1925  
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 61  
*George Mason* (marble, 1932), 1932-1937  
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 62  
*Samuel F. B. Morse* (bronze, 1928), 1927-1928  
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 63  
*Walt Whitman* (bronze, 1931), 1931-1938
Box 1, Folder 64  
*Eli Whitney* (bronze, 1926), 1846-1926

Box 1, Folder 65  
Haney, *James Parton Haney Memorial* (bronze, 1925), 1917-1925

Box 1  
Harrison, *President William Henry Harrison* (Virginia State Capitol; bronze, 1931)

Box 1, Folder 66  
Correspondence, 1930-1931

Box 1, Folder 67  
Drawings, Printed Material, Photographs, 1931-1946

Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 1

Box 1, Folder 68  
*Head of Legato* and Fragment (marble, 1910?), 1912

Box 1, Folder 69  
Herrara, *General Herrara* (1911), circa 1920

Box 1, Folder 70  
Herter, *Christian Herter* (bronze, 1911 and 1913), circa 1920

Box 1, Folder 71  
Holt, *Dr. Luther E. Holt Memorial Tablet* (Babies' Hospital; marble, 1930), 1928-1930

Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 1

Box 1, Folder 72  
*Humanity in Industry, Maskell Ewing Fox, Sr., Cephas Brainerd Fox, Louis Vultee Fox, Maskell Ewing Fox, Jr.* (M. Ewing Fox Co.; bronze, 1932), 1932

Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 1

Box 1, Folder 73  
*Ideals/The Artist's Vision/The Inexpressible*, circa 1920

Box 1, Folder 74  
Jacobs, *Charles M. Jacobs* (marble, 1908), circa 1920

Box 1, Folder 75  
Johnson, *Constantine Johnson* (terra cotta bust and figure, 1916), circa 1920

Box 1, Folder 76  
*Julliard, Augustus D. Julliard* (bronze), 1924-1925
Box 1, Folder 77
Key, *Francis Scott Key*, circa 1920

Box 2, Folder 1
Ladd, *Anthony Ladd* (terra cotta, 1931); *Frances Ladd* (bronze), 1923, 1970

Box 2, Folder 2
*Leaping Spray*, 1929

Box 2, Folder 3

Box 2, Folder 4
*The Legend of Archmere*, 1916

Box 2, Folder 5
Lewisohn, *Adolph Lewisohn* (bronze, 1926), 1925-1926

Box 2, Folder 6
MacDonald, Helen, *Medallion of Child* (bronze and 2 ivory reductions), 1932

Box 2, Folder 7
*Mermaid*, circa 1920, 1970

Box 2, Folder 8
Miller, Marilyn (Mrs. Jack Pickford; ivory figurine), 1925

Box 2, Folder 9
Mora, *Rosemary Mora*, circa 1920

Box 2, Folder 10
New York Edison Co. Relief commemorating “fifty years of New York Edison Co. service to New York City in home and industry” (bronze, 1932), 1932

Box 2, Folder 11
Olcott, *Jean Olcott* (marble, 1913), 1913

Box 2, Folder 12
Oregon Trail Memorial Half Dollar [commission awarded to James Earle Fraser and Laura Gardin Fraser], 1926-1929

Box 2, Folder 13
Panama-Pacific Exposition (1 group and 2 figures; plaster), 1915-1916
Box 2, Folder 14  
Mrs. Thomas Perry (marble, 1943), 1942-1943

Box 2, Folder 15  
Perry Tombstone (marble), 1914-1923

Box 2, Folder 16  
Purves, Mrs. Austin M. Purves (marble, 1909), 1907-1918

Box 2, Folder 17  
Resor, Stanley Resor (bronze, 1933), 1933-1965

Box 2  
Riders of the Elements (New York World's Fair)

Box 2, Folder 18  
Description of Group, Sketches, Correspondence, Contract, 1937-1938

Box 2, Folder 19  
Construction, Publicity, 1938-1939

Box 2, Folder 20  
Photographs, circa 1939-1940

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Rising Sea Mists, 1926-1927

Box 2, Folder 22  
Robinson, Professor Robinson (University of Kansas; bronze, 1917), 1917

Box 2, Folder 23  
Sacred Fire (marble, 1921), circa 1920

Box 2, Folder 24  
Scallop Fountain, circa 1920

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Scott, Mrs. Donald Scott and Sons (bronze, 1917), circa 1920

Box 2, Folder 26  
Sea Horses (bronze, 1924), circa 1920
Image(s)

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Box 2, Folder 28  Skidmore, Ann Skidmore, 1965 Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 29  Sleeping, Two Days Old (marble, 1912), circa 1920 Image(s)

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Box 2, Folder 31  Spirit of the Greek Games (Barnard College; bronze), 1924-1999 Image(s)
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Box 2, Folder 33  Stoiber Tombstone (1920?), circa 1920 Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 34  Stoker, circa 1920 Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 35  Stuyvesant, Augustus Van Horne Stuyvesant Memorial (St. Mark's Church In-the-Bowery; marble, 1918), 1953-1984 Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 36  Sun and Earth; Fountain of the Waters (Cleveland Museum of Art; marble), 1926-1996 Image(s)
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Image(s)

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Box 2, Folder 43  *To the City of Immigrants* (1908), circa 1990
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 44  *Toto* (ivory, 1922), circa 1920
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 45  *Townsend Memorial* (bronze), 1934-1936
Image(s)

Box 2  *Underwood, Senator Oscar W. Underwood* (U. S. Capitol; marble, 1933)

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Box 2, Folder 55  
Washington, *George Washington Monument at Fort Necessity* (not funded), 1931-1932  
*Image(s)*

Box 2, Folder 56  
*Waterfall* (marble, 1908), 1915  
*Image(s)*

Box 2, Folder 57  
*Wave Head*, circa 1920  
*Image(s)*

Box 2, Folder 58  
*Wave Horses*, 1912  
*Image(s)*

Box 2, Folder 59  
*Image(s)*

Box 2, Folder 60  
Wells, *Florence Wells* (intaglio in mother of pearl; locket size in bronze), 1933-1992  
*Image(s)*

Box 2, Folder 61  
Wilkes, *Lemmuel Wilkes* (bronze, 1909), 1922  
*Image(s)*

Box 2, Folder 62  
*Woods Figure* (bronze, 1912), circa 1920  
*Image(s)*

Box 2, Folder 63  
*Young Nymph I*, 1910  
*Image(s)*

Box 2, Folder 64  
*Young Pan/Child Pan*, circa 1920  
*Image(s)*

Box 2, Folder 65  
*Zodiac* (Cleveland Museum of Art; marble), 1926-1928  
*Image(s)*

Box 11, Folder 1  
Oversized Designs and Drawings scanned with Box 1, Folder 67, 71-72 and Box 2, Folder 31, 54, 1924-1946

Box 11, Folder 2  
Oversized Photographs scanned with Box 2, Folder 47, 1932-1942
Box OV 12  
Oversized Blueprints and Designs scanned with Box 1, Folder 16, 37, 59 and Box 2, Folder 19, 46, 1909-1942

Box OV 13  
Oversized Blueprints and Designs scanned with Box 1, Folder 6, 21, 31 and Box 2, Folder 36, 49, 1924-1938

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Series 3: Business Records, circa 1900-1958

0.4 Linear feet (Boxes 2-3)

Business records include Chester Beach's general business correspondence and correspondence concerning consignments. An address book - alphabetized by services and products - records names, addresses, and sometimes prices. Included among the entries are: "enlarging and reducing; enlarging bust to heroic size," a "marble cutter (first class)" in Florence, a stair builder, photographers, pedestals, and ventilators. The volume recording building expenses and income contains lists of equipment, the effects of William Couper and their disposition, rents collected, coal purchased, and etc. The check register documents payments to foundries, purchases of marble, models, dies, and other supplies and services. Beach's record book, 1907-1947, lists sales (noting title, price, and buyer) and bronzes cast. The same volume also contains names and addresses of clients, dealers, services, tools and supplies; inside its back cover are instructions for cleaning marble and plaster, and for bronzing plaster.

Materials are arranged by document type. Additional business records are scattered among most of the project files (Series 3), and a small number of business letters are preserved in scrapbook volumes 1 and 2 (Series 8).

This series has been scanned in its entirety.

- Box 2, Folder 66  Address Book (1 volume), 1914
- Box 2, Folder 67  Building Expenses and Income, 207 East 17th Street (1 volume), 1913-1914
- Box 2, Folder 68  Check Register (1 volume), 1922-1924
- Box 2  Consignments
- Box 2, Folder 69  Gorham Company, 1927-1947
- Box 2, Folder 70  Grand Central Galleries, 1928-1958
- Box 2, Folder 71  Tiffany and Co., 1926-1936
- Box 2, Folder 72  William Macbeth, 1908-1916
- Box 2, Folder 73  Miscellaneous (A-Z), 1908-1955
- Box 2, Folder 74  Correspondence, General Business, circa 1900-1924
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Series 4: Writings, 1913-1935

2 Folders (Box 3)

Chester Beach's writings consist of "The Art Course in College" and general statements on art. The writings about him are "History and Allegory with a Silver Lining: Silver Coins and Medals by Chester Beach, N.A. 1881-1956" by Eleanor Beach Fitchen, and biographical sketches by Lee Lawrie and an unidentified author.

Materials are arranged by document type. An unfinished poem by FitzRoy Carrington to Chester Beach and Eleanor Hollis Murdock is preserved in scrapbook volume 1 (Series 8).

This series has been scanned in its entirety.

Box 3, Folder 2       By Chester Beach, 1913-1935
                     Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 3       About Chester Beach, circa 1966-1971
                     Image(s)

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Series 5: Correspondence, 1875, 1933-1996

0.5 Linear feet (Box 3)

With the exception of a nineteenth century letter addressed to a relative of Mrs. Beach, most letters are addressed to Chester Beach's widow and their daughter, Eleanor Beach Fitchen. Many mention Chester Beach. Estate correspondence and related documents, created mainly by the sculptor's daughter, Eleanor Beach Fitchen, concern efforts to exhibit or sell Beach's remaining work and maintain his reputation.

The series is arranged as 2 subseries. Project files (Series 2) contain the majority of Beach's professional correspondence. General business correspondence is filed among his business records (Series 3), and additional correspondence is found in volumes 1 and 2 of the scrapbooks (Series 8). A few Christmas cards (Series 5) contain notes from friends.

- 5.1: Family Correspondence, 1875-1996
- 5.2: Estate Correspondence and Related Documents, 1956-1999

This series has been scanned in its entirety.

5.1: Family Correspondence, 1875-1996

The 1875 letter to George Murdock from Mame relays news of family and friends. Among the small number of letters to Mrs. Beach is one from Walker Hancock reminiscing about their days at the American Academy in Rome.

Letters to Eleanor Beach Fitchen are mostly from friends, and one from each of her sisters; several mention her father.

Box 3, Folder 4
Murdock Family Letter, 1875
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 5
Letters to Mrs. Chester Beach (Eleanor Hollis Murdock Beach), 1944-1963
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 6
Letters to Eleanor Beach Fitchen ("Toto"), 1933-1996
Image(s)

5.2: Estate Correspondence and Related Documents, 1956-1999

Estate correspondence and related documents were created mainly by Chester Beach's daughter, Eleanor Beach Fitchen; also found are a very small number of letters addressed to or from her mother and sisters. Mrs. Fitchen acted as the estate's sales agent, ran the Chester Beach Memorial Studio, sought exhibition opportunities, and worked to maintain her father's reputation.

Letters from Brenda Kuhn to Eleanor Beach Fitchen concern estate management and relate some of what she learned from handling the estate of her father, Walt Kuhn. The letters include ideas and advice about exhibitions, the Memorial Studio, and the Beach Centennial.

A letter from sculptor Walker Hancock, filed with "Letters, Miscellaneous," contains advice about posthumous castings. "Studio Building, 207 East 17th Street" contains a letter from the great-granddaughter of sculptor William Couper, who sold the property to Beach around 1913; Mrs. Fitchen's reply relates the building's history, as she recalls being told by her parents.
Box 3, Folder 7  Article Proposals Declined, 1968
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 8  Centennial of Beach's Birth, 1981
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 9  Consignments, 1956-1965
Image(s)
Includes the Gorham Company, James Graham and Sons, Grand Central Art Galleries, and Purnell Art Gallery.

Box 3, Folder 10  Curators/Scholars/Writers, 1977-1994
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 11  Exhibition Proposals and Gifts Declined, 1963-1969
Image(s)

Box 3  Exhibitions

Box 3, Folder 12  "The Armory Show 50th Anniversary Exhibition," Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute and Henry Street Settlement, 1962-1963
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 13  "The Figure in American Sculpture," Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 1991-1995
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 14  "Fresh Air Sculpture," National Sculpture Society at America's Tower, 1995-1996
Image(s)

Image(s)

Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 17  Gifts of Sculpture, 1964-1997
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 18  Letters from Brenda Kuhn, 1962-1971
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 19  Letters, Miscellaneous, 1968-1998
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<td>Studio Building, 207 East 17th Street, 1959-1986</td>
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Series 6: Christmas Cards, 1909-1961

0.7 Linear feet (Boxes 3-4)

This series consists of cards sent and received by Chester Beach. The earliest cards sent by Chester Beach featured his dog, whose image was soon replaced by those of the Beach children. A complete set of cards produced and sent by Beach are included in the album; those sent after his death reproduce the work of Mrs. Beach.

Christmas cards received by the Beach family are mostly artist-designed cards, many containing original artwork; in some instances, the sender is not the artist. Cards are from Ernest Blumenschein, Edward W. Greacen, Hazel Brill Jackson, Paul Jennewein, Bonnie Leibig, F. Luis Mora, Robert Nisbet, Ezra Winter, and other artists. One of Walker Hancock's cards features a photograph of his studio. A card from Anna Hyatt Huntington's card reproduces a painting of Beach's Sylvan at Brookgreen Gardens. Beach patron Mary Jester Allen's card includes a note mentioning the Frontier Art Colony she was establishing near Cody, Wyoming.

Materials are arranged alphabetically by name of sender. A few of Beach's original designs for Christmas cards are filed with artwork (Series 7).

This series has been scanned in its entirety.

Box 3, Folder 31        Abbott family - Barnes family, 1939
                        Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 32        Beach, Chester and family (loose cards), 1911-1957
                        Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 33        Beach, Chester and family (1 volume, disbound), 1909-1961
                        Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 34        Beach, Marion D. - Brinckerhoff, A. F., 1925-1950
                        Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 35        Carrington, FitzRoy - Cross, Hollis and Harriett, 1922-1940
                        Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 36        Dankin, Susan D. H. and H. D. - Demming, Edwin W. and family, 1919-1942
                        Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 37        De Silver, Ann and family - Duell, Prentice, 1920-1940
                        Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 38        Eberle, Betty - Fairbanks, David and Barbara, 1921-1940
                        Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 39        Gates family - Greacen, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund W., 1915-1931
                        Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 40        Hancock, Walker - Huntington, Anna Hyatt and Archer, 1935-1944
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<td>Paquin, Warner and Ella - Rubins, David Kresz, 1917-1930</td>
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<td>Taft, Mabel B. - Vitale, Ferruchio and family, circa 1920-1940</td>
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<td>Unsigned, 1922-1927</td>
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Series 7: Artwork, circa 1900-1955

0.3 Linear feet (Boxes 4, 11)

Artwork by Chester Beach includes drawings, sketches, and designs for a few of his Christmas cards. The sketchbook contains drawings of sculpture. Work by other artists consists of prints; several are signed, but the only completely legible signature is Ezra Winter.

Materials are arranged by artist and subject. Project files (Series 3) contain numerous drawings and sketches by Chester Beach, though few are finished artwork. An exception is The Legend of Archmere, with many finished, colored drawings. Among the Christmas cards (series 6) are numerous artist-designed cards, many with original artwork, received by the Beach family. Additional artwork by Chester Beach includes book plates and a place card etched for Mr. and Mrs. George Davison, found in volume 1 of the scrapbooks (Series 8).

This series has been scanned in its entirety.

Box 4 By Chester Beach - Drawings and Sketches

Box 4, Folder 9 Early Work (San Francisco and Paris), circa 1900-1907
   Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 10 Christmas Card Designs, 1911-1955
   Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 11 Animals, circa 1920-1940
   Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 12 Figures, Female, circa 1920-1940
   Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 13 Figures, Male, circa 1920-1940
   Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 14 Figures, Couples and Groups, circa 1920-1940
   Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 15 Heads, circa 1920-1940
   Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 16 Landscapes, circa 1920-1940
   Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 17 Medallions and Coins, circa 1926
   Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 18 Miscellaneous Subjects, circa 1920-1940
Box 4, Folder 19  "Sketches of Cornelia Mil[illegible] in Dutch Costume 1907", 1907
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 20  Sketchbook (1 volume), circa 1920-1940
Image(s)

Box 4  By Other Artists

Box 4, Folder 21  Prints, 1921, undated
Image(s)
Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 3

Box 11, Folder 3  Oversized Print scanned with Box 4, Folder 21, 1921

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Series 8: Scrapbooks, 1903-1972

0.3 Linear feet (Box 10)

The scrapbooks are largely comprised of newspaper clippings and other printed material.

Volume 1 contains letters, among them notification of acceptance from the Ecole des Beaux Arts, work accepted for Salon d'Automne; American Academy in Rome announcement of Beach's eligibility to compete in the Prix de Rome preliminary competition, and a letter from Daniel Chester French regretting Beach's desision to withdraw from consideration; membership in The Architectural League of New York and National Sculpture Society; appointment to the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Committee and U.S. Treasury Department Committee for 4th Liberty Loan; and from Jessica B. Piexotto, concerning a medal commemorating Children's Year. There are samples of book plates and a place card etched for Mr. and Mrs. George Davison, and an unfinished poem by FitzRoy Carrington to Chester Beach and Eleanor Hollis Murdock. Photographs include a view of the Mark Hopkins Art Institute's night school class attended by Beach, circa 1900-1902, and a portrait of Chester Beach painted by G. Laurance Nelson. Also found are exhibitors' cards, certificates announcing Beach's election as an Associate member of the National Academy of Design; and the award of a silver medal at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

Volume 2 includes letters from the National Academy of Design about Beach's election as an Academician and the award of a gold medal; and from Frederick MacMonnies commending, Spirit of the Greek Games, Beach's sculpture at Barnard College. Also found are certificates from The Architectural League of New York announcing the award of its Medal of Honor, one naming Beach an Academician of the National Academy of Design, and a photograph of Beach working in his studio.

Volume 3, with the exception of one letter from Hazel Brill Jackson addressed to Beata Beach Porter, consists only of printed material, mostly newspaper clippings. It begins with obituaries of Chester Beach, and the first page contains the handwritten note "See: Obituary letters" (not part of the 2009 gift of Chester Beach papers described in this finding aid). Other printed items are a catalog of the 1966 Beach memorial exhibition with a related press release, and a brochure about the Chester Beach Memorial Studio in Brewster, New York.

Materials are arranged chronologically.

This series has been scanned in its entirety.

Box 10, Folder 1  Volume 1, 1903-1919
  Image(s)

Box 10, Folder 2  Volume 2, 1919-1935
  Image(s)

Box 10, Folder 3  Volume 3 (disbound), 1956-1972
  Image(s)

0.4 Linear feet (Box 4)

Most of the printed material is about or mentions Chester Beach, and quite a few items contain reproductions of his work. Panama-Pacific International Exposition guide books are *The Jewel City* by Ben Macomber, and *The Sculpture and Murals of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, Official Handbook* containing commentary on the Beach sculptures commissioned for the exposition. Two brochures are about the Chester Beach Memorial Studio in Brewster, New York, and one from The Society of Medalists reproduces Beach's work. Exhibition catalogs are for solo and group exhibitions. Miscellaneous items are calling cards of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Beach; and "The New Society Dinner of 1923" seating card. Also found is a printing block for a half-tone reproduction of an unidentified Beach sculpture, probably used for an article or catalog.

General art-related printed items consist of brochures and an exhibition catalog. The brochures are for the Armory Show 50th Anniversary Exhibition and The Hall of Fame for Great Americans. Although neither brochure mentions Beach, he participated in the original Armory Show and his work appeared in its anniversary exhibition; and The Hall of Fame for Great Americans commissioned Beach to create six busts. Also found is a catalog, *Exhibition of a Loan Collection of the Work of Maxfield Parrish, Through the Kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Austin M. Purves*, date unknown, held at the Plastic Club in Philadelphia (Beach became acquainted with the Purveses in 1909 when Mr. Purves commissioned a marble portrait head of his wife).

Materials are arranged by subject and document type. Additional printed material is found in many project files (Series 2). All of the scrapbooks (Series 8) contain clippings, and volumes 1 and 2 include a variety of printed items such as exhibition catalogs, brochures, and a newsletter for Académie Julian students.

The bulk of this series has been scanned. In some cases exhibition catalogs and other publications have had their covers, title pages, and relevant pages scanned.

Box 4 

Box 4, Folder 22 

About/Mentioning Beach 

Articles, 1918-1996 

*Image(s)*

Box 4, Folder 23 

*An Historical Sketch of Fort Hill, Lloyd's Neck, Long Island* (with photographs of site for Beach's garden sculpture *Glint of the Sea*), 1918 

*Image(s)*

Box 4, Folder 24 

*Everyday Poems* by George Elliston (includes "To a Replica of Chester Beach's *Night*"), 1921 

*Image(s)*

Box 4, Folder 25 

Panama-Pacific International Exposition Guide Books (2 volumes), 1915 

*Image(s)*

Box 4, Folder 26 

Brochures, circa 1947-1960
Box 4, Folder 27  Exhibition Catalogs, 1912-1997
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 28  Miscellaneous Items, 1923
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 29  Newspaper Clippings, 1945-1966
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 30  Printing Block for Half-tone Reproduction, circa 1920-1940
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 31  Reproductions of Artwork, circa 1910
Image(s)

Box 4  Art-Related

Box 4, Folder 32  Brochures, 1976
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 33  Exhibition Catalog, Other Artist, circa 1920-1940
Image(s)
Series 10: Photographs, circa 1885-circa 1960s

3.1 Linear feet (Boxes 4-9, 11, 14)

Photographs of artwork by Beach are mainly of sculpture. A large number of duplicate prints were weeded, though multiple copies may still remain. No duplicate glass plate negatives were removed, and their original box letters are noted in the finding aid since there are references to them in many project files. Among the images of early work are drawings from his student days. Both photograph albums are devoted to the sculpture of Chester Beach. It is evident that the many blank pages in Volume 1 once contained photographs. Photographs of artwork by other artists consist of a portrait of Chester Beach by G. Laurance Nelson, and one painted posthumously by his daughter, Natalie Beach McLaury.

Photographs of Chester Beach include an early childhood portrait, circa 1885, and several images of Beach as a young artist by Gertrude Kasebier, circa 1910. There are photographs of Beach in his studio, including him working on portraits of Helen Leeming and Henry L. Doherty. Pictures of Beach with others include a drawing class at the Mark Hopkins Art Institute, with family and friends, and at a "Dinner tendered to Edmund W. Greacen by Samuel T. Shaw, Salmagundi Club, March 2, 1922." Also found are a few photographs of sitters. Places recorded are Beach's boyhood home in San Francisco, the interiors of his New York City and Brewster, New York studios, and Brookgreen Gardens. Miscellaneous subjects are nude models.

Photograph and negatives are arranged by document type and subject. Glass plate negatives are arranged by negative size and original order. Most images of sitters are found among the project files (Series 2). Project files also contain a wide variety of other photographs, including: finished work, work in progress, maquettes, plasters, sites, and installation and dedication ceremonies. Scrapbook volumes 1 and 2 (Series 8) contain a few photographs, as do the Christmas cards (Series 6).

Glass plate negatives are housed separately and closed to researchers.

The bulk of this series has been scanned. Duplicates of negatives and blank versos of photographs have not been scanned. Duplicates of glass plate negatives have been scanned.

Box 4 Photograph Albums of Sculpture by Chester Beach

Box 4, Folder 34 Volume 1, circa 1940
Image(s)
Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 4

Box 4, Folder 35 Volume 2, circa 1940
Image(s)

Box 4 Photographs of Artwork by Chester Beach

Box 4, Folder 36 Early Work, circa 1903-1914
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 37 Coins, 1923-1935
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 38 Sculpture, Panama-Pacific International Exposition, circa 1915
Box 4, Folder 39-40  
**Sculpture, Identified (children, men, women), circa 1920-1940**
- Image(s)
- Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 5

Box 4, Folder 41-42  
**Sculpture, Identified (male busts, bas-reliefs), circa 1920-1940**
- Image(s)
- Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 5

Box 5, Folder 1  
**Sculpture, Identified (miscellaneous), circa 1920-1940**
- Image(s)
- Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 5

Box 5, Folder 2  
**Sculpture, Unidentified (children, men, women), circa 1920-1940**
- Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 3  
**Sculpture, Unidentified (children, men women), circa 1920=1940**
- Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 4  
**Sculpture, Unidentified (figures, fountains, bas reliefs), circa 1920-1940**
- Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 5  
**Sculpture, Unidentified (figures, fountains, bas reliefs), circa 1920-1940**
- Image(s)

Box 5  
**Photographs of Artwork by Other Artists**

Box 5, Folder 6  
**Portraits of Chester Beach by G. Laurance Nelson and Natalie Beach McLaury, 1908, 1957-1958**
- Image(s)

Box 5  
**Photographs of People**

Box 5, Folder 7  
**Chester Beach, circa 1885, 1910-1938**
- Image(s)
- Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 6

Box 5, Folder 8  
**Chester Beach Working In Studio, circa 1909, 1932, circa 1909**
- Image(s)
- Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 6

Box 5, Folder 9  
**Chester Beach with Sculptures, circa 1966, circa 1899, undated**
Box 5, Folder 10  Chester Beach with Others, circa 1910s, undated
Image(s)
Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 6

Box 5, Folder 11  Chester Beach with Family, circa 1915-1953, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 12  Beach Family (daughters Beata, Eleanor, and Natalie), 1928
Image(s)

Box 5  Photographs of Places

Box 5, Folder 13  Beach's Boyhood Home, San Francisco, circa 1920-1940
Image(s)
Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 7

Box 5, Folder 14  Beach's Studios, New York City and Brewster, NY, circa 1930-1969
Image(s)
Oversized material housed in Box 11, Folder 7

Box 5, Folder 15  Brookgreen Gardens, Murrell's Inlet, SC, circa 1950
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 16  Photographs of Miscellaneous Subjects - Nude Models, circa 1920-1940
Image(s)

Box 5  Negatives of Artwork by Chester Beach

Box 5, Folder 17  Walt Whitman (Hall of Fame for Great Americans; copy negative), circa 1965

Box 5  Negatives of People

Box 5, Folder 18  Chester Beach (circa 1910; Gertrude Kasebier, photographer; copy negative), circa 1965

Box 5, Folder 19  Chester Beach (circa 1930; copy negative), circa 1965

Box 6  Glass Plate Negatives of Sculpture by Chester Beach
The current arrangement of the glass plate negatives reflects the original arrangement as outlined in the inventory of glass plate negatives found in the Business Records series. The box numbers outlined in the inventory, however, are no longer relevant.

Box 6, Folder 1  Fountain Figure in Plaster, Studio, circa 1910-1930
3 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 2  
Pan Sculpture, circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 3  
'Breath of Pines' (Ivory), circa 1910-1930
3 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 4  
'Spirit of the Woods' (Bronze), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 5  
Nathalie (Bust), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 6  
George Maron (Bust), Studio, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 7  
Unidentified Sculpture, Studio, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 8  
Brewster Monument, Studio, circa 1910-1930
3 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 9  
Brewster Monument, On Site, circa 1910-1930
4 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 10  
Anthony Ladd (Relief), circa 1910-1930
4 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 11  
Constantine Johnston (Bust), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 12  
Lydia Babbitt (Sculpture), circa 1910-1930
4 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 13  
Memorial Tablet, Hold Memorial Babies' Hospital, Studio, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 14
Doherty (Bust), circa 1910-1930
4 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 15
Doherty (Sitter), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 16
Dr. Babbott (Relief), circa 1910-1930
4 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 17
Dr. Babbott (Sitter), circa 1910-1930
3 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 18
Resor (Relief), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 19
Davison (Relief), circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 20
Underwood (Bust), circa 1910-1930
9 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 21
Con Edison Plaque, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 22
Selinger Children (Reliefs), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 23
Leroy Wiles (Bust), circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 24
Stuyvesant Reredos (Relief), circa 1910-1930
3 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 25
Hathaway School Fountain, Cleveland, Studio, circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 26  A. Lewisohn (Sitter), circa 1910-1930
7 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 27  Wm. Henry Harrison (Bust), circa 1910-1930
3 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 28  Wm. Henry Harrison (Bust), Studio, circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 29  Walt Whitman (Bust), Hall of Fame for Great Americans, circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 30  Peter Cooper (Bust), Hall of Fame for Great Americans, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 31  Eli Whitney (?) (Bust), Hall of Fame for Great Americans, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 32  Carl Maria von Weber (Bust), circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 33  Unidentified Sculpture, circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 34  Head of George Davison (Sitter), circa 1910-1930
6 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 35  H. L. Doherty (Sitter), circa 1910-1930
3 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 36  Unidentified Heads, Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 37  Unidentified Sculpture, Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930
Box 6, Folder 38  
Rosemary Mora (Bust), Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 39  
Frances Ladd Sculpture, Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930  
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 40  
Swimming Boy Sculpture, Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 41  
Girl on Sphinx, Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 42  
Anne Skidmore (Bust), Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930  
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 43  
Small 'Beyond' (Ivory), Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 44  
Showcase with Small Bronzes, Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 45  
Young Girl with Tortoise (Bronze), Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 46  
'Echo of Greece' Sculpture, Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 47  
Robert McDonald (Relief), Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 48  
Unidentified Bust, Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930  
6 glass negatives ((5 x 7))  
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 1  
Unidentified Sculpture, Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((4.25 x 5.5))

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 2  Unidentified Sculpture, Work in Memorial Studio, circa 1910-1930
4 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 3  Constantine Johnson (Bust), circa 1910-1930
7 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 4  Constantine Johnson (Sculpture), circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 5  Waterfall Sculpture, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 6  Charles M. Jacobs (Bust), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 7  Purves Family (Relief), circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 8  ‘The Awakening’ (Marble), circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 9  Dawn (Head), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 10  ‘Vortex’ (Sculpture), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 11  Unidentified Bust, circa 1910-1930
5 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 12  Unidentified Sculpture, circa 1910-1930
3 glass negatives ((5 x 7))

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 13  ‘Spirit of the Woods, A Stoker’, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 14
‘Nero’ (Bronze), Studio, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 15
‘Le Masque’ (Bronze), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 16
Faun with Kid (Bronze), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 17
Indian Horse Group, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 18
Bacchante Head, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 19
Unidentified Sculpture, circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 20
‘Out of Work’ Sculpture, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 21
Bradbury Bust, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 22
Horses, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 23
Unidentified Sitter, circa 1910-1930
5 glass negatives ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 24
Unidentified Sculpture, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((5 x 7))
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 25
Unidentified Sculpture, Studio, circa 1910-1930
Box 7, Folder 26  
Unidentified Bust, circa 1910-1930  
2 glass negatives ((4.25 x 5.5))  
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 27  
Unidentified Drawing, "1st Mention", circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((4.25 x 5.5))  
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 28  
Unidentified Drawing, circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((4.25 x 5.5))  
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 1  
Jonathan Thorne (Relief), circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))  
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 2  
Unidentified Sculpture, World's Fair San Francisco, circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))  
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 3  
Unidentified Sculpture, Studio, circa 1910-1930  
3 glass negatives ((8 x 10))  
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 4  
Helen (Bust), circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))  
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 5  
Freda N. Brunn (Memorial Relief), circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))  
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 6  
"George and Harriet Davison and Their Son Robert Alfred" (Relief), circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))  
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 7  
Jean Olcott (Bust), circa 1910-1930  
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))  
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 8  
Charles Perry 2nd (Headstone), circa 1910-1930
Box 8, Folder 9  Unidentified Bust, circa 1910-1930
6 glass negatives ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 10  'The Sacred Fire' Statue, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 11  Eleanor (Bust), circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 12  Beata (Baby) Sculpture, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 13  'Achievement' Sculpture, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 14  Unidentified Sculpture, circa 1910-1930
10 glass negatives ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 15  Unidentified Sculpture, Studio, circa 1910-1930
4 glass negatives ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 16  Christian Herter (Relief/Plaque), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 17  'Actor's Fund' (Relief), circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 1  DeVinne (Bust), circa 1910-1930
8 glass negatives ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 2  "In As Much As You Have Done ... " (Relief), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 3  Wood Figure, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 4 Man (Sculpture), circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 5 Unidentified Sculpture, Pan-Pacific Exposition, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 6 'Big Wave' Sculpture, circa 1910-1930
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 7 Unidentified Sculpture, 1913 February 4
1 glass negative ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 8 Unidentified Sculpture, circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 9 Unidentified Sculpture with Tools, circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((8 x 10))
Image(s)

Box 14, Folder 1 Unidentified Sculpture, Studio, circa 1910-1930
2 glass negatives ((9.5 x 11.75))
Image(s)

Box 14, Folder 2 Cleveland Fountain: 'Sun,' 'Earth,' and 'Sun, Mist and Sea', circa 1910-1930
4 glass negatives ((9.5 x 11.75))
Image(s)

Box 11, Folder 4 Oversized Photograph Album scanned with Box 4, Folder 34, circa 1940

Box 11, Folder 5 Oversized Photographs of Artwork scanned with Box 4, Folder 39-42 and Box 5, Folder 1
Box 5, F 13

Box 11, Folder 6 Oversized Photographs of Beach scanned with Box 5, Folder 7-8, 10, circa 1909-1931

Box 11, Folder 7 Oversized Photographs of Places scanned with Box 5, Folder 13-14, circa 1920-1940