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## The Beachcombers records

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b> | Archives of American Art           |
| <b>Title:</b>      | The Beachcombers records           |
| <b>Date:</b>       | 1916-1975                          |
| <b>Identifier:</b> | AAA.beachcom                       |
| <b>Creator:</b>    | Beachcombers (Organization)        |
| <b>Extent:</b>     | 460 Items ((on 3 microfilm reels)) |
| <b>Language:</b>   | English .                          |

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1974-1975 by the Beachcombers.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm rolls 2083, 2085-2086 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm.

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## Biographical / Historical

The Beachcombers is a social and professional club in the artists' colony of Provincetown, Massachusetts for painters, etchers, poets, playwrights, and others.

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## Scope and Contents

Reels 2085-2086: Membership lists; constitution and by-laws; correspondence; minutes; poems, songs, and notes; etchings; account books; a booklet on the Beachcombers by member Ted Robinson; printed miscellany, exhibition material, and clippings pertaining to the Beachcombers, their annual costume ball, and individual members; and a scrapbook. Prominent members mentioned in the collection include John Whorf, Harry Campbell, Harry Kemp, Reeves Euler, Hudson Walker, Edwin Dickinson, Vollian Burr Rann, Charles Hawthorne, Gerrit Beneker, and William Bicknell.

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## Scope and Contents

REEL 2083: Photographs, n.d., 1918-1960's, of the Beachcombers, their gatherings, events, and annual ball; a photograph album belonging to Beachcomber member, William Bicknell; and miscellaneous photos.

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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:

Arts organizations -- Massachusetts