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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	The life and anecdotes of William Russell Birch, enamel painter / William Russell Birch
Date:	[ca. 1800]
Identifier:	AAA.bircwill
Creator:	Birch, William Russell, 1755-1834
Extent:	3 Items ((on 3 partial microfilm reels))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Material on reels P20 & P21 microfilmed by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania for the Archives of American Art, 1955. Material on reel 800 lent for microfilming 1974, by the New York Historical Society.

Location of Originals

Reel P20: Original in Pennsylvania Historical Society.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel P20 (fr. 639-678), P21 (fr. 183-260), and 800 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Reproduction Note

Reels P21 & 800: Carbon copies.

Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Enamel painter, miniaturist, engraver, etcher, publisher; Philadelphia, Pa. Born in England.

Scope and Contents

"The life and anecdotes of William Russell Birch, enamel painter, " including a list of his copies in enamel of drawings by Sir Joshua Reynolds, the master he studied under, a short detail about enamel painting, the names of purchasers or persons for whom they were painted, his British views, anecdotes upon the loss of his friends, his departure from England for America, William Russell, his friendship with Sir Joshua Reynolds,

his Philadelphia views, and a trip to the South. [Original typescript on reel P20, copies on reel 800 & P21. Also on P21 are notes on the history of the autobiography by Albert Rosenthal].

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, American -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
Enamel and enameling

Names:

Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792
Russell, William

Occupations:

Enamelers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
Engravers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
Etchers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
Miniature painters -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia