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## A Finding Aid to the Nell Blaine letters to Robert A. Wilson, 1962-2010, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Nell Blaine letters to Robert A. Wilson
<b>Date:</b>	1962-2010
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.blainell2
<b>Creator:</b>	Blaine, Nell, 1922-1996
<b>Extent:</b>	0.6 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The letters from artist Nell Blaine and her friend New York bookseller Robert A. Wilson measure 0.6 linear feet and date from 1962 to 2010. Additional material includes scattered business records, photographs, printed material, and a typescript of Blaine's journal.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The collection was donated in 1997 by Robert A. Wilson.

### Related Materials

The Archives of American Art also holds the Nell Blaine Papers, 1942-1985, and an oral history interviews with Blaine conducted 1967 June 15, by Dorothy Seckler, for the Archives of American Art.

### Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2022 with support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Nell Blaine (1922-1996) was a painter, printmaker, and illustrator active in New York City, New York.

Robert A. Wilson (1922-2016) was a bookseller and owner of Phoenix Book Shop in New York City, New York.

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## Scope and Contents

The letters from artist Nell Blaine and her friend New York bookseller Robert A. Wilson measure 0.6 linear feet and date from 1962 to 2010. Additional material includes scattered business records, photographs, printed material, and a typescript of Blaine's journal.

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## Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Women artists
- Women painters
- Women printmakers

### Types of Materials:

- Diaries

### Names:

- Phoenix Book Shop
- Wilson, Robert A.

### Occupations:

- Illustrators -- New York (State) -- New York
- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York
- Printmakers -- New York (State) -- New York

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Nell Blaine Letters to Robert A. Wilson, 1962-2010

#### 0.6 Linear feet (Box 1-2)

Scope and Contents: Found are letters written by Nell Blaine to her friend Robert Wilson dating from 1962 to 1997. Some letters are written on the back of exhibition announcements and also include holiday cards. Also found is a letter from Wilson to the Archives of American Art in 2010. Other scattered records include business records from Blaine's purchases from Wilson's bookstore; two photographs of Blaine's studio; printed material including clippings and exhibition announcements and catalogs; and a typescript of Blaine's 1967 journal.

Box 1, Folder 1	Business Records, 1967-1982
Box 1, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1962-1969
Box 1, Folder 3	Correspondence, 1970-1979
Box 1, Folder 4-5	Correspondence, 1980-1989
Box 1, Folder 6	Correspondence, 1990-1997, 2010
Box 1, Folder 7	Correspondence, Envelopes, circa 1970-circa 1997
Box 1, Folder 8	<a href="#">Photographs, 1997</a>
Box 1, Folder 9	Printed Material, Clippings, 1970-1997
Box 1, Folder 10	Printed Material, Exhibition Announcements and Catalogs, 1973-1995
Box 2, Folder 1	Printed Material, Exhibition Announcements and Catalogs, 1973-1995
Box 2, Folder 2	Typescript, Nell Blaine's Journal (1967), circa 1997

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