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John Bolles Gallery records

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	John Bolles Gallery records
Date:	1958-1975
Identifier:	AAA.bollgall
Creator:	John Bolles Gallery (San Francisco, Calif.)
Extent:	22 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The bulk of the collection was donated in 1975 by John S. Bolles. Additional material donated in 1997 by Bolles' daughter, Jane Bolles Grimm and in 2021 by Tom Bolles, John Bolles' son.

Restrictions

This collection is open for research. Access to original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center.

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Biographical / Historical

The John Bolles Gallery was a commercial gallery established in 1958 by John Bolles, Chairman of the Board, San Francisco Art Institute. The gallery's original mission was to provide an outlet for students and alumni of the Art Institute. Directors included Grace McCann Morley, Dick Faralla, Phil Lieder, Jim Monte, Harriet Johns, and Hayward King. The Gallery closed February 1975.

Scope and Contents

The John Bolles Gallery records measure 22.0 linear feet and date from 1958-1975. Included are financial records, administrative records, collection records, correspondence, photographs, artwork and printed material.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, Modern -- 20th century -- California -- San Francisco
Artists -- California -- San Francisco Bay Area -- Exhibitions

Names:

Bolles, John S.

Functions:

Art galleries, Commercial -- California