

A Finding Aid to the Nancy Douglas Bowditch and Brush family papers, circa 1860-1985, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Nancy Douglas Bowditch and Brush family papers
Date:	circa 1860-1985
Identifier:	AAA.bowdnanc
Creator:	Bowditch, Nancy Douglas
Extent:	6.2 Linear feet
Language:	The papers are in English.
Summary:	The papers of painter, author, and designer Nancy Douglas Bowditch and the George de Forest Brush family measure 6.2 linear feet and date from circa 1860 to 1985. The majority of the collection consists of Bowditch's correspondence with family and friends and her notes and writings, particularly concerning her biography of her father George de Forest Brush <i>The Joyous Painter</i> , and her unpublished biography of her husband painter William Robert Pearmain. Brush family material includes scattered correspondence of George de Forest Brush and other family members, notes, sketches, clippings, and the family home building files, five scrapbooks, including two on William Robert Pearmain, and numerous photographs of the Brush family, Bowditch, and William Robert Pearmain. There is also correspondence between William Robert Pearmain and his family and artwork by Pearmin.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The Nancy Douglas Bowditch papers were donated to the Archives of American Art in several installments by Nancy Douglas Bowditch between 1968 and 1979. Bowditch's daughter, Mary A. Marlowe donated additional materials in 1982. In 2008, Joan Morgan, biographer of George de Forest Brush, donated additional papers she had acquired during her research.

Related Archival Materials

Also among the collections at the Archives of American Art are the William Robert Pearmain and Pearmain family papers, 1888-1955, and an oral history with Nancy Douglas Bowditch conducted on January 30, 1974 by Robert F. Brown.

Available Formats

This site provides access to the papers of **Nancy Douglas Bowditch** in the Archives of American Art that were digitized in 2011, and total 9,056 images.

Generally, materials not scanned include duplicates, blank pages and versos, and drafts and edits of Nancy Douglas Bowditch's biography *The Joyous Painter*.

Processing Information

Portions of the collection were microfilmed in increments upon receipt on reels 2826-2831 and 3134; these reels are no longer in circulation. In 2011, all accessions were merged, including a small collection that was previously cataloged separately, and fully processed and described by Jayna Hanson and digitized in 2011 with funding provided by the Terra Foundation for American Art.

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Biographical Note

Nancy Douglas Bowditch (1890-1979) worked primarily in the New Hampshire area as a painter, author, and costume and set designer. Bowditch's father was painter George de Forest Brush and she was first married to painter William Robert Pearmain, who died at an early age.

Nancy Douglas Bowditch was born to Mary and George de Forest Brush on July 4, 1890 in Paris, France. Along with her siblings Mary, Jane, Thea, Gerome, Tribbie, and Georgia, she often served as a subject of her father's paintings. The family lived in the artist colony of Dublin, New Hampshire where Nancy became close friends with their neighbor Samuel Clemens' (Mark Twain) daughter Jean Clemens.

Nancy met and became close to one of her father's pupils, William Robert Pearmain while traveling through Europe in 1907. Two years later, Nancy married Robert at the Brush family farm in Dublin, New Hampshire. Together, they had one daughter, Mary Alice whom they called Polly. Robert developed a strong political interest in growing anarchist movements, gave up painting and went to Pittsburgh to work in a factory. Shortly after, he became seriously ill and, upon the advice of a doctor, moved back to New Hampshire with Nancy. He soon died from leukemia in September 1912. In 1918, Nancy married her second husband Dr. Harold Bowditch from Boston, Massachusetts. With her second husband, Nancy had three more children, Martha, Henry, and George de Forest Bowditch.

Professionally, Nancy worked as a painter, wrote plays, and designed theatrical sets and costumes. In 1971, Bowditch published a biography of George de Forest Brush entitled *The Joyous Painter*. Nancy Douglas Bowditch died in 1979.

Scope and Contents

The papers of painter, author, and designer Nancy Douglas Bowditch and the George de Forest Brush family measure 6.2 linear feet and date from circa 1860 to 1985. The majority of the collection consists of Bowditch's correspondence with family and friends and her notes and writings, particularly concerning her biography of her father George de Forest Brush *The Joyous Painter*, and her unpublished biography of her husband

painter William Robert Pearmain. Brush family material includes scattered correspondence of George de Forest Brush and other family members, notes, sketches, clippings, and the family home building files, five scrapbooks, including two on William Robert Pearmain, and numerous photographs of the Brush family, Bowditch, and William Robert Pearmain. There is also correspondence between William Robert Pearmain and his family and artwork by Pearmin.

Scattered family biographical materials include invitations, biographical sketches of George de Forest Brush, a ship's register, certificates, an obituary, and a sound recording of Nancy Bowditch.

Scattered personal business records include deeds of gift from various institutions and agreements from the publishing of *The Joyous Painter*.

One-third of the collection is correspondence with Nancy Douglas Bowditch, William Robert Pearmain, George de Forest Brush, and other members of the Brush, Pearmain, and Bowditch families. The majority of Nancy Douglas Bowditch's correspondence is from family and friends, although professional correspondence is also found. Nancy's notable correspondents include Jane Clemens, Barry Faulkner, Rockwell Kent, members of the Abbot Handerson Thayer family, and Nelson C. White. Also found are Nancy's letters to her first husband, William Robert Pearmain. Pearmain's correspondence includes letters from his parents, siblings, and his father-in-law, and a few letters from Pearmain to his family. George de Forest Brush's correspondence includes letters from friends and a few copies of letters written by Brush.

Writings and notes are primarily by Nancy Douglas Bowditch, the majority of which pertain to her biography of George de Forest Brush, *The Joyous Painter*, and her unpublished biography of William Robert Pearmain. Other writings are by George de Forest Brush, Tribbie Brush, Barry Faulkner, and William Robert Pearmain.

Artwork consists of approximately 78 drawings and sketches by William Robert Pearmain, 5 drawings and paintings by Nancy Bowditch, and one drawing by George de Forest Brush.

Brush family home and building files contain materials relating to a log cabin in New Hampshire, and the family home Brushwood which was built by William Robert Pearmain in 1911.

Five scrapbooks were compiled by members of the Brush, Pearmain, and Bowditch families. Two are about Pearmain, two are about George de Forest Brush, and one was organized by Harold Bowditch that contains family photographs.

Within printed materials are exhibition announcements and catalogs for George de Forest Brush, Barry Faulkner, Stephen Parrish, and Abbot Handerson Thayer.

Extensive photographs are of members of the Brush family, the Pearmain family, the Bowditch family, friends, and works of art by Bowditch, Brush, Pearmain and Douglas Volk. Included are portraits, snapshots, travel photos, wedding photos, and photos of the Brush family homes.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged as 9 series:

Missing Title:

- Series 1: Biographical Information, 1909-1965 (Box 1; 7 folders)
- Series 2: Personal Business and Financial Records, 1908-1974 (Box 1; 3 folders)
- Series 3: Correspondence, 1895-1979 (Boxes 1-3; 2.0 linear feet)
- Series 4: Writings and Notes, circa 1900-1975 (Boxes 3-4; 1.0 linear feet)
- Series 5: Artwork, 1898-1950 (Boxes 4, 9-10; 4 folders)
- Series 6: Printed Material, 1889-1974 (Box 4; 0.2 linear feet)
- Series 7: Brush Family Home Building Files, 1910-1971 (Boxes 4, 8, 10; 0.7 linear feet)
- Series 8: Scrapbooks, circa 1907-circa 1985 (Boxes 5, 8; 0.7 linear feet)
- Series 9: Photographs, circa 1860-1979 (Boxes 5-7, 11; 1.0 linear feet)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Women artists Women authors Women designers Women painters

Types of Materials:

Biographies Diaries Notes Paintings Photographs Scrapbooks Sketches Sound recordings

Names:

Brush, George de Forest, 1855-1941 Clemens, Jane Lampton, 1880-1909 Faulkner, Barry, 1881-1966 Kent, Rockwell, 1882-1971 Parrish, Stephen, 1846-1938 Pearmain, William Robert, 1888-1912 Thayer, Abbott Handerson, 1849-1921 White, Nelson C.

Occupations:

Authors -- New Hampshire Costume designers -- New Hampshire Painters -- New Hampshire Set designers -- New Hampshire

Container Listing

Series 1: Biographical Information, 1909-1965

7 Folders (Box 1)

- Scope and Contents: Found are invitations to Nancy's and Robert Pearmain's wedding, American consolate registration cards pertaining to the Bowditch family (circa 1914), biographical sketches on George de Forest Brush, a portion of a ship's register that carried the Brush family to Europe, Polly Pearmain's wedding invitation, certificates from the International Correspondent School, an obituary for William Robert Pearmain, and a sound recording of Nancy speaking of her trip to Shelbyville, TN.
- Arrangement: This series has been scanned in its entirety, except for the sound recording of Nancy Douglas Bowditch.

Box 1, Folder 1	Bowditch, Nancy Douglas, 1909, undated
Box 1, Folder 2	Bowditch Family, 1914
Box 1, Folder 3	Brush, George de Forest, 1941-1956
Box 1, Folder 4	Brush Family, 1913
Box 1, Folder 5	Pearmain, Mary Alice (Polly), 1932
Box 1, Folder 6	Pearmain, William Robert, 1911-1912
Box 1, Folder 7	Recording of Nancy Douglas Bowditch, 1965 Notes: Tapes runs approximately 11 minutes; Nancy speaks of George de Forest Brush and his relationships with his children, she reads a letter from Brush to a resident of Sheblyville in which the death of his mother is described.

Series 2: Personal Business and Financial Records, 1908-1974

3 Folders (Box	: 1)	
Scope and Contents:		
Arrangement:	This serie	es has been scanned in its entirety.
Box 1, Folde	er 8	Personal Business Records, 1947-1974
Box 1, Folde	er 9	Bills, William Robert Pearmain, 1908-1912
Box 1, Folde	er 10	Lease, 1911

Series 3: Correspondence, 1895-1979

2 Linear feet (Boxes 1-3)

Scope and Contents: Found is the personal and professional correspondence of Nancy Douglas Bowditch, William Robert Pearmain, George de Forest Brush, and other members of the Brush, Bowditch and Pearmain families, including Harold Bowditch, Selma Bowditch, Mittie Taylor Whelpley Brush, Georgie Brush, Jane Brush, Mary Brush, Tribbie Brush, Mary Alice (Polly) Pearmain, and Jack Pearmain.

Arrangement: The series is arranged as 4 subseries:

- Subseries 3.1: Nancy Douglas Bowditch Correspondence, circa 1900-1978
- Subseries 3.2: William Robert Pearmain Correspondence, 1904-1912
- Subseries 3.3: George de Forest Brush Correspondence, 1895-1926
- Subseries 3.4: General Family Correspondence, 1903-1979

This series has been scanned in its entirety.

3.1: Nancy Douglas Bowditch Correspondence, circa 1900-1978

- Scope and The bulk of this subseries consists of the personal correspondence of Nancy Bowditch with her parents and parents-in-law, siblings, and first husband, William Robert Pearmain. Also found are letters from Jane Clemens, Barry Faulkner, and Gerald, Gladys, Emma, and Mary Thayer.
- Arrangement: Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by correspondent, with the exception of professional correspondence relating to Nancy's book *A Joyous Painter*, which is arranged chronologically at the end of the subseries.

This subseries has been scanned in its entirety. Duplicates have not been scanned.

Box 1, Folder 11	Notes, circa 1960s
Box 1, Folder 12	Alden, D. W., 1971
Box 1, Folder 13	Allison, Hildreth and Henry, 1946-1973
Box 1, Folder 14	Barton, Bob, 1974
Box 1, Folder 15	Beloin, Mary, 1975
Box 1, Folder 16	Biagi, Laura, 1908
Box 1, Folder 17	Bowditch, Harold, 1917-1921, undated
Box 1, Folder 18	Bowditch, Martha, 1939-1971
Box 1, Folder 19	Bowditch, Martha, 1971
Box 1, Folder 20	Brush, George de Forest, 1905-1910
Box 1, Folder 21	Brush, George de Forest, 1911-1915

Box 1, Folder 22

Box 1, Folder 23	Brush, George de Forest, 1938-circa 1940
Box 1, Folder 24	Brush, George de Forest, circa 1900-1940
Box 1, Folder 25	Brush, George de Forest, 1941 Notes: condolence letters
Box 1, Folder 26	Brush, Gerome, 1912-1921
Box 1, Folder 27	Brush, Gerome, 1912-1971
Box 1, Folder 28	Brush, Grandmother, 1909-1910
Box 1, Folder 29	Brush, Jane, 1946-1952
Box 1, Folder 30	Brush, Jane, 1952
Box 1, Folder 31	Brush, Mary, circa 1940-1955
Box 1, Folder 32	Brush, Mittie Taylor Whelpley, 1910-1914
Box 1, Folder 33	Brush, Mittie Taylor Whelpley, 1918-1929
Box 1, Folder 34	Brush, Mittie Taylor Whelpley, 1933-1941
Box 1, Folder 35	Brush, Mittie Taylor Whelpley, 1942-1946
Box 1, Folder 36	Brush, Mittie Taylor Whelpley, 1927-1948
Box 1, Folder 37	Brush, Mittie Taylor Whelpley, circa 1910-1950
Box 1, Folder 38	Brush, Thea, circa 1900-1935
Box 1, Folder 39	Brush, Thea, 1935
Box 1, Folder 40	Brush, Tribbie, 1910
Box 1, Folder 41	Brush, Tribbie, 1941
Box 1, Folder 42	Chantal, Bianca de, 1908
Box 1, Folder 43	Chantal, Lya de, 1907
Box 1, Folder 44	Childers, Molly, 1961
Box 1, Folder 45	Clemens, Jane (Jean), 1906-1908

Brush, George de Forest, 1916-1933

Box 1, Folder 46	Clemens, Jane (Jean), 1909
Box 1, Folder 47	Clemens, Jane (Jean), circa 1908
Box 1, Folder 48	Coates, Winslow Shelby, circa 1940-1948
Box 1, Folder 49	Coates, Winslow Shelby, circa 1940-1948
Box 1, Folder 50	Coburn, Frederick, 1947
Box 1, Folder 51	Cogswell, Kathleen, 1962-1977
Box 1, Folder 52	Cooper, Hortense, circa 1960s
Box 1, Folder 53	Dresser, Faith, 1917-circa 1920
Box 1, Folder 54	Faulkner, Barry, 1909-1964
Box 1, Folder 55	Faulkner, Barry, 1964
Box 1, Folder 56	Faulkner, Martha B., 1908
Box 1, Folder 57	Forbes, Grace, 1965
Box 1, Folder 58	Greene, Mary, 1907-1912
Box 1, Folder 59	Greene, Mary, 1912
Box 1, Folder 60	Hume, Hugh, 1910-1928
Box 1, Folder 61	Hume, Lillie, circa 1910
Box 1, Folder 62	Henderson, C. Hanford, 1912
Box 1, Folder 63	Henderson (?), Gerald, circa 1910
Box 1, Folder 63 Box 1, Folder 64	Henderson (?), Gerald, circa 1910 Henderson, Hilly (probably Hildegarde), circa 1900
Box 1, Folder 64	Henderson, Hilly (probably Hildegarde), circa 1900
Box 1, Folder 64 Box 1, Folder 65	Henderson, Hilly (probably Hildegarde), circa 1900 Kent, Kathleen, circa 1910
Box 1, Folder 64 Box 1, Folder 65 Box 1, Folder 66	Henderson, Hilly (probably Hildegarde), circa 1900 Kent, Kathleen, circa 1910 Kidder, Homer H., 1905

Box 1, Folder 70	Proctor, A. Phimister, 1947-1949
Box 1, Folder 71	Proctor, Hester, 1974-1978
Box 1, Folder 72	Pumpelly, Eliza, 1909
Box 1, Folder 73	Osgood, Hamilton, 1907
Box 1, Folder 74	Osgood, Margaret (Nonna), 1912-1915
Box 1, Folder 75	Osgood, Margaret (Nonna), 1915
Box 1, Folder 76	Pearmain, Alice, 1907-1927
Box 1, Folder 77	Pearmain, Alice, 1919-1927
Box 1, Folder 78	Pearmain, John (Jack), 1907-1955
Box 1, Folder 79	Pearmain, John (Jack), 1955
Box 1, Folder 80	Pearmain, Margaret, 1909-1932
Box 1, Folder 81	Pearmain, Margaret, 1909-1932
Box 1, Folder 82	Pearmain, Mary Alice (Polly), 1928-1947
Box 1, Folder 83	Pearmain, Mary Alice (Polly), 1928-1947
Box 1, Folder 84	Pearmain, Sumner B., 1909-1929
Box 1, Folder 85	Pearmain Family, circa 1910
Box 1, Folder 86	Pearmain, William Robert, 1905 Notes: William to Nancy
Box 1, Folder 87	Pearmain, William Robert, 1907 Notes: William to Nancy
Box 2, Folder 1	Pearmain, William Robert, 1908 Notes: William to Nancy
Box 2, Folder 2	Pearmain, William Robert, 1909-1912 Notes: William to Nancy
Box 2, Folder 3	Pearmain, William Robert, circa 1907-1912 Notes: William to Nancy
Box 2, Folder 4	Pearmain, William Robert, circa 1907-1912

Box 2, Folder 5	Pearmain, William Robert, 1905-1907 September Notes: Nancy to William
Box 2, Folder 6	Pearmain, William Robert, 1907 October-December Notes: Nancy to William
Box 2, Folder 7	Pearmain, William Robert, 1908 Notes: Nancy to William
Box 2, Folder 8	Pearmain, William Robert, 1909-1910 Notes: Nancy to William
Box 2, Folder 9	Pearmain, William Robert, circa 1905-1910 Notes: Nancy to William
Box 2, Folder 10	Pearmain, William Robert, circa 1910 Notes: Fragments
Box 2, Folder 11	Pearmain, William Robert, 1912 Notes: Condolence letters
Box 2, Folder 12	Sanger, Margaret, 1912, undated
Box 2, Folder 13	Smith, Corina, circa 1920s
Box 2, Folder 14	Storer, Grandmother, circa 1910
Box 2, Folder 15	Tharp, Louise Hall, 1954-1979
Box 2, Folder 16	Thayer, Emma Beech, 1907-1910
Box 2, Folder 17	Thayer, Gerald (Gra), 1903-1910
Box 2, Folder 18	Thayer, Gladys (Galla), 1903-1908, undated
Box 2, Folder 19	Thayer, Gladys (Galla), undated
Box 2, Folder 20	Thayer, Mary, 1904-1907
Box 2, Folder 21	Upton, Grandmother, 1907
Box 2, Folder 22	Volk, Marion, 1909-1911
Box 2, Folder 23	Vose, Robert C., 1948-1949
Box 2, Folder 24	Whelpley, J., circa 1920
Box 2, Folder 25	Whelpley, Nan, 1912-1970

Box 2, Folder 26	Whelpley, Nan, 1970
Box 2, Folder 27	Whelpley (?), Page, 1976
Box 2, Folder 28	White, Nelson C., 1940-1978
Box 2, Folder 29	White, Nelson C., 1978
Box 2, Folder 30	Whiting, Sue, 1909
Box 2, Folder 31	Wood, Lisa, 1908
Box 2, Folder 32	Aunt Jay and Uncle Phil, 1904-1911
Box 2, Folder 33	Aunt Sue, 1919
Box 2, Folder 34	A-Z, 1911-1970s
Box 2, Folder 35	Fragments, circa 1910-1955
Box 2, Folder 36	First Name Only, 1909-1972
Box 2, Folder 37	Duplicate Typescripts, circa 1960s
Box 2, Folder 38	Illegible, Not Signed, circa 1910s
Box 2, Folder 39	Concerning Biography of George de Forest Brush, 1947
Box 2, Folder 40	Concerning Biography of George de Forest Brush, 1948-1949
Box 2, Folder 41	Concerning Biography of George de Forest Brush, 1950-1958
Box 2, Folder 42	Concerning Biography of George de Forest Brush, 1960-1968
Box 2, Folder 43	Concerning Biography of George de Forest Brush, 1969-1971
Box 2, Folder 44	Concerning Biography of George de Forest Brush, 1972-1978

3.2: William Robert Pearmain, 1904-1912

 Scope and
Contents:
 Pearmain's correspondence is scattered and from family and friends.

 Arrangement:
 Researchers should note that Pearmain's correspondence with Nancy Bowditch is arranged in Subseries 3.1.
This subseries has been scanned in its entirety.

Box 2, Folder 45 Brush, George de Forest, 1907-1910

Box 2, Folder 46	Brush, George de Forest, 1907-1910
Box 2, Folder 47	Brush, Georgie, circa 1907
Box 2, Folder 48	Brush, Mittie Taylor Whelpley, 1909-1910
Box 2, Folder 49	Cable (?), J. W., 1906
Box 2, Folder 50	Carlomagno, 1910-1911
Box 2, Folder 51	Clemens, Jane (Jean), 1907
Box 2, Folder 52	Faulkner, Barry, 1908-1910
Box 2, Folder 53	Faulkner, Barry, 1908-1910
Box 2, Folder 54	Gaden (?), Maddalena, 1910
Box 2, Folder 55	Gay, Arthur, 1909
Box 2, Folder 56	Goodnow, Ruth Lois, 1910
Box 2, Folder 57	Goodnow, W. L., 1911
Box 2, Folder 58	Henderson, C. Hanford, 1909-1910
Box 2, Folder 59	Henderson, C. Hanford, 1909-1910
Box 2, Folder 60	Lemmi, Charles, 1909-1910
Box 2, Folder 61	Osgood, Hamilton, 1906-1907
Box 2, Folder 62	Osgood, Nonna, 1910s
Box 2, Folder 63	Pearmain, Alice, 1907-1910
Box 3, Folder 1	Pearmain, Alice, circa 1907-1910
Box 3, Folder 2	Pearmain, John (Jack), 1904-1908
Box 3, Folder 3	Pearmain, John (Jack), 1904-1908
Box 3, Folder 4	Pearmain, Margaret, 1905-circa 1912
Box 3, Folder 5	Pearmain, Margaret, 1905-circa 1912

Box 3, Folder 7	Pearmain, Sumner B., 1907-1910
Box 3, Folder 8	Pearmain, Sumner B., 1907-1910
Box 3, Folder 9	Proell, Albert, 1910-1911
Box 3, Folder 10	Storer, Mary L., 1907
Box 3, Folder 11	Upton, S. M., 1906
Box 3, Folder 12	Thayer, Gerald (Gra), 1910-1911
Box 3, Folder 13	Thayer, Gladys (Galla), circa 1910
Box 3, Folder 14	Agagmat (?), 1908 Notes: letter in French
Box 3, Folder 15	Gerry (no surname), 1910
Box 3, Folder 16	Gretchen (no surname), 1912

3.3: George de Forest Brush Correspondence, 1895-1926

Scope and
Contents:George de Forest Brush's correspondence is primarily with Brush and Pearmain family
members and the Thayer family.

Arrangement: Researchers should note that Brush's correspondence with Nancy Brush is found in Subseries 3.1 and correspondence with William Robert Pearmain is found in Subseries 3.2. Correspondence is arranged alphabetically.

This subseries has been scanned in its entirety.

Box 3, Folder 17	Bowditch, Harold, circa 1920, 1916-1918
Box 3, Folder 18	Brush, Georgie, 1907
Box 3, Folder 19	Brush, Mary, 1912
Box 3, Folder 20	Brush, Mittie Taylor Whelpley, circa 1900
Box 3, Folder 21	Brush, Tribbie, 1910
Box 3, Folder 22	Pearmain, Alice, 1908
Box 3, Folder 23	Pearmain, Mary Alice (Polly), 1926
Box 3, Folder 24	Pearmain, William Robert, 1908
Box 3, Folder 25	Thayer, Gerald (Gra), 1907

Box 3, Folder 26	Thayer, Gladys (Galla), 1903
Box 3, Folder 27	A-Z, 1895-1924
Box 3, Folder 28	First Names Only, Not Signed, 1904-circa 1910

3.4: Other Family Members Correspondence, 1903-1979

Scope and Contents:	Found ar families.	e pieces of correspondence from members of the Bowditch, Brush, and Pearmain
Arrangement:	Correspo	ondence is arranged alphabetically.
	This sub	series has been scanned in its entirety.
Box 3, Folder	29	Bowditch, Harold, 1917-1944, circa 1950
Box 3, Folder	30	Bowditch, Selma, circa 1910, 1914-1916
Box 3, Folder	31	Brush, Georgie, 1904-1905, circa 1910
Box 3, Folder	32	Brush, Jane, 1926-1941
Box 3, Folder	33	Brush, Mary, 1904-circa 1910
Box 3, Folder	34	Brush, Tribbie, 1903
Box 3, Folder	35	Pearmain, John (Jack), 1904-1909
Box 3, Folder	36	Pearmain, Mary Alice (Polly), 1920, undated
Box 3, Folder	37	Pearmain, Sumner, circa 1910
Box 3, Folder	38	Miscellaneous, circa 1920

Series 4: Writings and Notes, circa 1900-1975

1 Linear foot (Boxes 3-4)

- Scope and The majority of this series consists of drafts, editing notes, and research notes for Nancy's biography of her father, *The Joyous Painter*. Also found are general notes and a typescript of a biography of William Robert Pearmain which contains original photographs of the Pearmain family. Writings by others are found in a separate subseries.
- Arrangement: The Writings and Notes series is arranged into 2 subseries:
 - Subseries 1: by Nancy Douglas Bowditch, circa 1910-1975
 - Subseries 2: by Others, circa 1900-circa 1970s

This bulk of this series has been scanned.

4.1: by Nancy Douglas Bowditch, circa 1910-1975

- Scope and This subseries contains drafts, typescripts, edits, and notes for *The Joyous Painter*; a typescript for *A Brief Biography of Robert Pearmain*; a written recollecion of when Nancy and her siblings and friends sewed a new dress for her mother, Mittie Brush, with an accompaning photograph of the event; and various notes.
- Arrangement: The bulk of this series has been scanned. Some drafts, corrections, and proofs of *The Joyous Painter* have not been scanned.

Box 3	The Joyous Painter
Box 3, Folder 39	Typescript, circa 1970s
Box 3, Folder 40	Typescript, circa 1970s
Box 3, Folder 41	Dedication and Outline, circa 1970
Box 3, Folder 42-45	Draft, circa 1970
Box 3, Folder 46	Corrections, circa 1970
Box 3, Folder 47-48	Edited Pages, circa 1970
Box 3, Folder 49	Research Notes, circa 1970
Box 3, Folder 50	Research Notes, circa 1970
Box 4, Folder 1	Research Notes, circa 1970
Box 4, Folder 2	Research Notes, circa 1970
Box 4, Folder 3	Research Notes, circa 1970
Box 4, Folder 4	Research Notes, circa 1970
Box 4, Folder 5	Editing Notes, circa 1970

Box 4, Folder 6	Layout Notes, circa 1971
Box 4, Folder 7	Typescript (Duplicate), circa 1971
Box 4, Folder 8	A Brief Biography of Robert Pearmain, 1888-1912, 1975
Box 4, Folder 9	Notes on William Robert Pearmain, circa 1975
Box 4, Folder 10	"My Mother's New Dress", circa 1950
Box 4, Folder 11	"My Mother's New Dress", circa 1908 Notes: includes a photograph
Box 4, Folder 12	Notes on Samuel and Jane Clemens, 1968
Box 4, Folder 13	Notes on Paint Colors, circa 1910s
Box 4, Folder 14	Speech Text, 1970 May 5
Box 4, Folder 15	General, circa 1910s-1950s

4.2: by Others, circa 1900-circa 1970s

Scope and Contents:	Faulkner	series includes notes written by George de Forest Brush, Trubbie Brush and Barry ; scattered writings by William Robert Pearmain; a song dedicated to the Brush Gerald "Gra" Thayer; and miscellaneous lists.
Arrangement:	This sub	series has been scanned in its entirety.
Box 4, Folder	16	Notes by George de Forest Brush, circa 1900
Box 4, Folder	17	Notes by Tribbie Brush, 1902
Box 4, Folder	18	Notes by Barry Faulkner, circa 1941
Box 4, Folder	19	Writings by William Robert Pearmain, circa 1909
Box 4, Folder	20	Poem and Song by Gra, 1906
Box 4, Folder	21	Concerning Various Artists, circa 1940s
Box 4, Folder	22	Lists of Works of Art by Brush, circa 1970

Series 5: Artwork, 1898-1950

4 Folders (Boxes 4, 9-10)

Scope and Artwork is by Nancy Douglas Bowditch, William Robert Pearmain, and George de Forest Brush. Nancy Douglas Bowditch's work consists of one sketch, one study, and three completed drawings of William Robert Pearmain and Alan Seeger. Pearmain's artwork comprises twenty-four sketches including one watercolor, twelve studies, and forty-two completed drawings. Also found is one pencil sketch by Brush.

Arrangement: This series has been scanned in its entirety.

Box 4, Folder 23	Nancy Douglas Bowditch, Pencil Sketches, 1912-1950
Box 4, Folder 24	George de Forest Brush, Pencil Sketch, 1912 Notes: Oversized item housed in OV 9
Box 4, Folder 25	William Robert Pearmain, Pencil Sketches and Drawings, 1898-1909Notes:Oversized items housed in OV 9-10
Box 4, Folder 26	William Robert Pearmain, Tempera and Oil Sketches, 1908
Oversize 9	Oversized Sketch by George de Forest Brush and Oversized Sketches by William Robert Pearmain, circa 1900-1912 Notes: Scanned with Box 4, F24 and F25
Oversize 10	Oversized Sketches by William Robert Pearmain, 1898-1909 Notes: Scanned with Box 4, F25

Series 6: Printed Material, 1889-1974

0.2 Linear feet (Box 4)

	cope and Printed materials include clippings, exhibition catalogs and announcements, calling card ontents: and other materials concerning Nancy Douglas Bowditch, George de Forest Brush, Bar Faulkner, Stephen Parrish, and Abbot Handerston Thayer.	
A	Arrangement:	This bulk of this series has been scanned.
	Box 4, Folde	Archives of American Art Publications, 1967-1973
	Box 4, Folde	r 28 Articles Concerning Nancy Douglas Bowditch, 1965-1971
	Box 4, Folde	r 29 Articles Concerning George de Forest Brush, 1889-1971
	Box 4, Folde	r 30 Book Reviews, The Joyous Painter, 1971-1974
	Box 4, Folde	r 31 Calling Cards, circa 1900
	Box 4	Clippings
	Box 4, Folde	r 32 Files Kept by William Robert Pearmain, 1910-1912
	Box 4, Folde	r 33 Concerning Nancy Douglas Bowditch, 1970
	Box 4, Folde	r 34 Concerning George de Forest Brush, 1923-1941
	Box 4, Folde	r 35 Concerning Cornish Colony Artists, circa 1970s
	Box 4, Folde	r 36 General, 1913-1973
	Box 4, Folde	r 37 General, 1970-1973
	Box 4, Folde	r 38 Dust Jacket, The Joyous Painter, 1970
	Box 4	Exhibition Catalogs and Announcements
	Box 4, Folde	r 39 George de Forest Brush, 1930-1971
	Box 4, Folde	r 40 Barry Faulkner, 1956-1967
	Box 4, Folde	r 41 Stephen Parish, 1970
	Box 4, Folde	r 42 Abbot Handerson Thayer, 1923, undated
	Box 4, Folde	r 43 Mark Twain Quarterly, Winter 1957, 1957
	Box 4, Folde	r 44 Miscellaneous, 1912, undated

Box 4, Folder 45Reproductions of Artwork, by Nancy Douglas Bowditch, circa 1960sBox 4, Folder 46Reproductions of Artwork, by George de Forest Brush, circa 1960s

Series 7: Brush Family Home Building Files, 1910-1971

10 Folders (Boxes 4, 8)		
	Scope and Contents:	This series contains materials relating to two homes of the Brush family: Brushwood, built by William Robert Pearmain, and a logcabin in Dublin, NH. Materials include plans, a map of Dublin, New Hampshire, Stave Church inspirations used by Pearmain to design the house, photographs, and a watercolor of Brushwood by Nancy.
	Arrangement:	This series has been scanned in its entirety.
	Box 4	Brushwood
Box 4, Folder 47		er 47 Plan of Brushwood, 1910 Notes: photograph of original

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Box 4, Folder 48	Map of Dublin, New Hampshire, 1970 September 18
Box 4, Folder 49	Examples of Stave Churches, circa 1910, undated
Box 4, Folder 50	Photographs of Home, 1911 October
Box 4, Folder 51	Photographs of Home, 1923-1924Notes:taken by Harold Bowditch
Box 4, Folder 52	Photographs of Interior, circa 1910s
Box 4, Folder 53	Watercolor of Brushwood, by Nancy Douglas Bowditch, circa 1910sNotes:Oversized material housed in Box 8
Box 4	Log Cabin
Box 4, Folder 54	Sketch, circa 1970s Notes: photocopy
Box 4, Folder 55	Photographs of Construction, 1971 August-November
Box 4, Folder 56	Photographs, after 1971
Box 8, Folder 1	Oversized Watercolor, circa 1910s Notes: Oversized item scanned with Box 4, F53

Series 8: Scrapbooks, circa 1907-circa 1985

0.7 Linear feet (Boxes 5, 8)

Scope and Contents: Found are five scrapbooks compiled by members of the Brush, Pearmain, and Bowditch families. The majority of the albums consist of photographs and reproductions of works of art by George de Forest Brush and William Robert Pearmain. There are also photographs of exhibitions of Brush's art and of installations. One scrapbook contains family photographs organized by date by Harold Bowditch.

Arrangement:	This series has been scanned in its entirety.
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Box 5	Scrapbook Owned by Lo. Halaby
Box 5, Folder 1	Letter, circa 1985
Box 5, Folder 2	Photographs of Works of Art by George de Forest Brush, circa 1930s
Box 5, Folder 3	Reproductions of Works of Art by George de Forest Brush, circa 1930s Notes: loose materials tucked into album
Box 5, Folder 4	Reproductions of Works of Art by George de Forest Brush, circa 1930s
Box 5	Scrapbook by William Robert Pearmain
Box 5, Folder 5	Fragments, circa 1911
Box 5	Scrapbook of Works of Art by William Robert Pearmain
Box 5, Folder 6	Album Cover, circa 1960s
Box 5, Folder 7	Photographs and Obituary, circa 1950s, 1916
Box 5, Folder 8	Photographs of Works of Art, circa 1960s
Box 5, Folder 9	Photographs of Works of Art, circa 1960s Notes: loose materials tucked into album
Box 5, Folder 10	Sketch, circa 1907
Box 5	Album of Exhibition of Works of Art by George de Forest Brush
Box 5, Folder 11	Album Cover, 1968
Box 5, Folder 12	Printed Material, 1968, undated
Box 5, Folder 13	Photograps of Works of Art and Installations, 1968, undated
Box 5, Folder 14	Photographs of Reception, 1968
Box 5, Folder 15	Photographs of Installations, 1968

	Notes: Polly Pearmain's photos
Box 5, Folder 16	Photographs of Reception, 1968Notes:Polly Pearmain's photos
Box 5, Folder 17	Photographs of Works of Art, 1968 Notes: Polly Pearmain's photos
Box 5	Scrapbook by Harold Bowditch
Box 5, Folder 18	Scrapbook, circa 1920s Notes: Oversized items housed in Box 8
Box 8, Folder 2	Oversized items from Harold Bowditch Scrapbook, circa 1920s

Series 9: Photographs, circa 1860-1979

1 Linear foot (Boxes 5-7, 11)

- Scope and Contents: Found are family photographs of the Brush family, snapshots, vacations, portraits, interiors, studios, buildings, pets and animals, family events, and of works of art. Among those photographed include George de Forest and Mittie Taylor Whelpley Brush and their children; Nancy Bowditch's children and grandchildren; the Pearmain family; the wedding of Clara Clemens with her father Samuel Clemens; and the Thayer children, their homes, and sleeping huts. A portrait of Nancy as a young woman was taken by Jean Clemens and has a love letter written by Robert Pearmain on verso. Also found are copies of photographs used in a biography of George de Forest Brush by Joan Morgan entitled *George de Forest Brush, 1855-1941: Master of the American Renaissance* (1985).
- Arrangement: The bulk of this series has been scanned. Photographs of works of art have not been scanned.

Box 5	Portraits
Box 5, Folder 19	George de Forest Brush, 1898-1926
Box 5, Folder 20	Mittie Taylor Whelpley Brush, 1870-1912
Box 5, Folder 21	Mary Brush and Children, 1897-1898
Box 5, Folder 22	Brush Children, 1898-1908
Box 5, Folder 23	Georgia Brush, circa 1908
Box 5, Folder 24	Jane Brush, 1908-1918
Box 5, Folder 25	Mary Brush, 1898-1918
Box 5, Folder 26	Nancy Douglas Bowditch, circa 1898-1905Notes:Nancy Douglas Bowditch as a Child
Box 5, Folder 27	Nancy Douglas Bowditch, circa 1910Notes:Includes photographs taken by Jean Clemens of Nancy as a young woman. Verso contains love letters written to Nancy by William Robert Pearmain.
Box 5, Folder 28	Nancy Douglas Bowditch, circa 1920sNotes:Nancy with a child, probably Polly Peamrain
Box 5, Folder 29	Nancy Douglas Bowditch, circa 1930s-1964Notes:Nancy as an adult
Box 5, Folder 30	Tribbie Brush, 1898-1909
Box 5, Folder 31	Nancy and William Robert Pearmain, 1907 August

Box 5, Folder 32	Nancy and Harold Bowditch, 1940
Box 5, Folder 33	Mary "Polly" Pearmain Marlowe, circa late 1920s
Box 5, Folder 34	Clifford Seymour Brush and Gerome Brush II, 1957 December Notes: Gerome Brush's children
Box 5, Folder 35	Harold Bowditch, 1944
Box 5, Folder 36	Lillie Brush, circa 1890s Notes: George de Forest Brush's sister
Box 5, Folder 37	Dr. James Davenport Whelpley, circa 1890s Notes: copyprint
Box 5, Folder 38	William Robert Pearmain, 1892 September, circa 1895
Box 5, Folder 39	Pearmain Siblings, 1888-1904Notes:Margaret, Jack, Edward, and William Robert with their mother, Alice
Box 5, Folder 40	Gladys Thayer (Galla), circa 1909
Box 5, Folder 41	F. L. W., 1936 or 1937
Box 5, Folder 42	John Ruskin and Unidentified, circa 1890-1900 Image(s): Unidentified
Box 5	Weddings
Box 5, Folder 43	Clara Clemens (?), 1910 Notes: Clara Clemens, Samuel Clemens, Jarvis Langdon, Jean Clemens, Mr. Twitchell
Box 5, Folder 44	Nancy and Robert, 1909 September 11
Box 5, Folder 45	Nancy and Robert, 1909 September 11
Box 5, Folder 46	Nancy with Bridesmaids, 1909 September 11Notes:Margaret Pearmain and Tribbie Brush
Box 5, Folder 47	Gerald Thayer and Alina Wallerman, before 1916
Box 5	Graduations and Reunions
Box 5, Folder 48	Wellsley, 1935
Box 5	Snapshots

Box 5, Folder 49	George de Forest Brush with Children and Grandchildren, 1892-circa 1930s
Box 5, Folder 50	George de Forest Brush with Children and Grandchildren, 1931 Notes: framed photograph
Box 5, Folder 51	George de Forest Brush with Sons-in-Law, circa 1930
Box 5, Folder 52	George de Forest Brush Painting Outside, 1900
Box 5, Folder 53	Mittle Taylor Whelpley Brush with her Children, 1909-1930s
Box 5, Folder 54	Nancy Douglas Bowditch, 1969-1972
Box 5, Folder 55	Nancy Douglas Bowditch (?) as a Young Child, circa 1890
Box 5, Folder 56	Nancy Douglas Bowditch with her Children, 1911-1969Notes:with Polly and George
Box 5, Folder 57	Nancy Douglas Bowditch with Family and Friends, 1966-1973
Box 5, Folder 58	Harold and Nancy Douglas Bowditch, 1919-1948
Box 5, Folder 59	Harold and Nancy Douglas Bowditch with Their Grandchildren, late 1930s
Box 5, Folder 60	Harold Bowditch, 1923, undated
Box 5, Folder 61	Harold Bowditch with his Children, early 1920s
Box 5, Folder 62	Bowditch and Pearmain Children, 1920s-1930sNotes:Polly, George, Henry and Martha
Box 5, Folder 63	Brush Sisters, 1907-1911, circa 1915 Notes: Mary, Thea and Jane
Box 5, Folder 64	Mary Brush in World War I Service Uniform, 1918
Box 5, Folder 65	Clifford and Gerry Brush, circa 1950s
Box 5, Folder 66	Faith Lea Storer, circa 1900
Box 5, Folder 67	Philip Whelpley, circa 1909Notes:standing in front of Thayer family home
Box 5, Folder 68	Whelpley Family Members, circa 1900-1952
Box 5, Folder 69	Pearmain Family Members, circa 1909

Box 5, Folder 70	Bowditch Family Members, 1964Notes:likely Harold Bowditch's mother, Selma Bowditch
Box 5, Folder 71	Hildegarde and Gerard Henderson, 1905
Box 5, Folder 72	Gerard Henderson, Georgie Brush, and Unknown, circa 1900 Notes: likely Hildegarde Henderson
Box 5, Folder 73	Thayer Family, 1904-1909Notes:Mary, Gladys, Gerald and Abbot Handerson
Box 5, Folder 74	Miss Lyons, Mr. Paine and Gerome Brush, 1906 Notes: Samuel Clemens' secretary and biographer
Box 5, Folder 75	Ilka Howells, circa 1890
Box 5, Folder 76	Miscellaneous, circa 1900-1976 Notes: Identified photographs, relationships to the Brush family unknown
Box 5, Folder 77	Miscellaneous, circa 1900-1976
Box 5, Folder 78	Miscellaneous, circa 1900-1950s Notes: Unidentified photographs
Box 5, Folder 79	Miscellaneous, circa 1900-1950s
Box 5	Gravestones
Box 5, Folder 80	George de Forest Brush, 1969 August
Box 5	Animals
Box 5, Folder 81	Family Dogs and Chickens, 1902-circa 1920s
Box 5	Cars
Box 5, Folder 82	Cars, circa 1930
Box 5	Studios
Box 5, Folder 83	George de Forest Brush's Italian Studio and Garden, circa 1908
Box 5, Folder 84	Pearmain's Paris Studio (?), circa 1905-1908 March 21
Box 5, Folder 85	Pearmain's Paris Studio (?), circa 1905-1908 March 21
Box 5, Folder 86	George de Forest Brush in his Studio, circa 1910s

Box 5	Interiors
Box 5, Folder 87	Russels Camp, circa 1900
Box 5, Folder 88	44 Harvard Avenue, Brookline, MA, circa 1920sNotes:Harold and Nancy Bowditch's Home
Box 5, Folder 89	12 Pine, circa 1965Notes:Includes Baha'i art and portraits
Box 5, Folder 90	Unidentified, circa 1905-1969
Box 5	Theatrical Costume
Box 5, Folder 91	Brush Family and Friends in Italy, 1908
Box 5, Folder 92	Gerome Brush in Soldier Girl, circa 1906 or 1907Notes:play written by Gerome Brush
Box 5, Folder 93	Mary and Jane Brush, circa 1910s
Box 5, Folder 94	Harold Bowditch in School Play, circa 1905 or 1915
Box 5, Folder 95	Unidentified, circa 1900s Notes: probably Pearmain family in Medival costume
Box 5, Folder 96	Nancy Douglas Bowditch in Colonial and Post-Civil War Dresses, 1961-1962
Box 5, Folder 97	Nancy Douglas Bowditch and David Marlowe as Mr. Haseltine, 1964 June 13
Box 5, Folder 98	Nancy Douglas Bowditch in Native American Dress, circa 1963
Box 5, Folder 99	Polly Marlowe, circa 1960s-1979s
Box 5, Folder 100	Polly Marlowe and Kathleen Bowditch, 1960s
Box 5, Folder 101	Alina Thayer and Mary Brush, 1909
Box 5, Folder 102	Unidentified, circa 1909
Box 6	Buildings and Homes
Box 6, Folder 1	George de Forest Brush's Birthplace, circa 1860 Notes: print of original
Box 6, Folder 2	Brush Home in Florence, Italy, circa 1907

Box 6, Folder 3	Farm in Dublin, New Hampshire, 1910-1920s
Box 6, Folder 4	Putnam Camp, 1941
Box 6, Folder 5	295 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA, circa 1900Notes:William Robert Pearmain's family home
Box 6, Folder 6	Groton School Dormitory, circa 1952
Box 6, Folder 7	Thayer Home and Sleeping Huts, circa 1900
Box 6, Folder 8	Douglas Volk's House in Lowell, ME, 1911 August
Box 6, Folder 9	Churches and Baha'i Temples, 1952-1969
Box 6, Folder 10	Unidentified, 1908-1950s
Box 6	Outdoors
Box 6, Folder 11	Crawford Notch, New Hampshire, 1911 August Notes: White Mountains
Box 6, Folder 12	Dublin, New Hampshire, 1911 October
Box 6, Folder 13	Bedford, MA, circa 1900sNotes:view of Charles River
Box 6	Travel
Box 6, Folder 14	Paris, France, circa 1908
Box 6, Folder 15	Gibraltar, circa 1908
Box 6, Folder 16	Cyprus, Greece and Aegean Sea, 1909
Box 6, Folder 17	Florence, Italy, 1908, undated
Box 6, Folder 18	Naples, Italy, 1908
Box 6, Folder 19	Palermo and San Reggio, Italy, 1907-1909
Box 6	Works of Art
Box 6, Folder 20	Polly Pearmain Marlowe with Works of Art by her Parents, 1969 August
Box 6, Folder 21	Bust of Nathaniel Bowditch by Ball Hughes, circa 1900

Box 6, Folder 26-32	by George de Forest Brush, circa 1900-1970s Notes: Oversized material housed in OV 11
Box 6, Folder 33	by William Robert Pearmain, 1909-1910
Box 6, Folder 34	by Douglas Volk, 1909
Box 6, Folder 35	Unidentified, circa 1920
Box 6	Miscellaneous
Box 6, Folder 36	Miscellaneous, circa 1910s
Box 6, Folder 37	Duplicates, 1888-1939
Box 7, Folder 1	Duplicates, 1950s
Box 7, Folder 2-7	Negatives and Slides, circa 1910s-1980s
Box 7, Folder 8	Notes and Photo Enclosures, 1969
Box 7	George de Forest Brush, 1855-1941: Master of the American Renaissance (1985), by Joan Morgan
Box 7, Folder 9	Prints Used in Book, 1980s
Oversize 11	Oversized Photograph of Work of Art by Brush, circa 1900 Notes: Material from Box 6, F26