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A Finding Aid to the Edgar W. Bowlin papers, circa  
1956-circa 1961, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Edgar W. Bowlin papers
<b>Date:</b>	1956-1961
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.bowledga
<b>Creator:</b>	Bowlin, Edgar W., 1923-2001
<b>Extent:</b>	0.01 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The papers of sculptor and painter Edgar W. Bowlin date from circa 1956-circa 1961 and measure 0.01 linear feet. Papers include a list of Bowlin's sculptures and biographical notes; and a draft of a speech delivered by Bowlin on October 12, 1956 at the unveiling of his statue of Andrew Johnson, a program for the dedication of a statue, and remarks by Bowlin from July 1961. Also found are two pages of a guest register of signatures with comments on Bowlin's sculpture, <i>Pleased Boy</i> ; four photographs of Bowlin with his work and with family; and printed material including news clippings about Bowlin and his work.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The collection was donated in 1961 by Edgar W. Bowlin.

### Processing Information

The collection was microfilmed on reel 2787 after receipt. The collection was processed and a finding aid prepared by Stephanie Ashley in 2023 and was digitized in 2023.

### Preferred Citation

Edgar W. Bowlin papers, circa 1956-circa 1961. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

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## Biographical / Historical

Tennessee sculptor and painter Edgar W. Bowlin (1923-2001), was known for his sculptures and oil paintings of United States presidents including Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy, and liturgical paintings in Tennessee area churches.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Because of 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:

Occupations:

Painters -- Tennessee  
Sculptors -- Tennessee

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Edgar W. Bowlin Papers, circa 1956-circa 1961

*0.01 Linear feet (Folder 1)*

Folder 1

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