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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Rutherford Boyd papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.boydruth
<b>Date:</b>	1900-1983
<b>Creator:</b>	Boyd, Rutherford, 1882-1951 Architectural League of New York
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Linear foot
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1984 by David Boyd, son of Rutherford Boyd.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Magazine illustrator and sculptor; Leonia, New Jersey. Influenced by Jay Hambidge's theory of Dynamic Symmetry.

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## Scope and Contents

Biographical information; correspondence; writings; financial records; sketches; photographs; and printed material.

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Biographical information on Rutherford, Harriet and Lydia Boyd; awards and membership certificates; correspondence (some illustrated) with Boyd's wife, Harriet A. Replier Boyd, and other family members; letters from Josef Albers, Architectural League of New York, Alfred Barr, Elizabeth J. Blake, Claude Bragdon, Central Manual Training School, Philadelphia, Wilford S. Conrow, Edward B. Edwards, Edwin W. Fiske, Leon Kroll, J. Scott Williams and others; and letters of condolence to Boyd's widow; a photocopy of a letter to David Boyd from Conway Scott Williams regarding Dynamic Symmetry; a subject file on the film "Parabola" by Boyd; manuscripts and typescripts of articles by Boyd on design theory; financial documentations and legal records; 2 poems, "Harriet" and "Catching the Cat"; sketches; annotated illustration proofs; exhibition announcements and catalogs; photographs of Boyd and his work; and miscellaneous printed materials.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Design  
Proportion (Art)  
Sculpture, Modern -- United States  
Symmetry

### Names:

Albers, Josef  
Barr, Alfred H., Jr., 1902-1981  
Blake, Elizabeth J.  
Bragdon, Claude Fayette, 1866-1946  
Conrow, Wilford Seymour  
Edwards, Edward B., b. 1873  
Fiske, Edwin W.  
Kroll, Leon, 1884-1974  
Williams, J. Scott (John Scott), b. 1877

### Occupations:

Illustrators -- New Jersey  
Sculptors -- New Jersey