A Finding Aid to the Paul Bransom Papers, 1862-1985, bulk 1904-1979, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives of American Art
Title: Paul Bransom papers
Identifier: AAA.branpaul
Date: 1862-1985
Extent: 10.1 Linear feet
Creator: Bransom, Paul, 1885-
Language: English
Summary: The papers of wildlife illustrator, painter, and cartoonist Paul Bransom measure 10.1 linear feet and date from 1862 to 1985. Almost half of the collection is comprised of Bransom's correspondence, which is particularly rich in documenting his early career as an illustrator, and his relationships with authors, art editors, and publishers from the 1900s to the 1940s. Correspondence also contains a wealth of cards, many of which bear reproductions or original artwork by his many artist friends. Also found in the papers are biographical essays, certificates and awards, memorabilia, writings and notes, business files, bibliographies, an artwork inventory, exhibition catalogs, clippings, printed illustrations, pamphlets, photographs, scrapbooks, and original artwork.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The material on reel D254 was lent for microfilming in 1966, portions of which were subsequently donated along with additional papers by Bransom between 1972 and 1975, and by his nephew's wife, Althea Bond, in 1980. Mario Cesar Romero, identified by an AAA collector as the "Curator of the Bransom collection" and creator of an inventory of Bransom's artwork, donated additional materials to the Archives in 1983 and 1986, including printed materials, photographs, correspondence, records from the artwork inventory project, and scrapbooks. In 1985, James Zayicek donated 11 sketches and eight greeting cards via Helen Ireland Hays, a writer and a noted friend of Bransom's.

Separated Material

The Archives of American Art also holds microfilm of 17 items lent for microfilming (reel D254). Some of this material was later donated to the Archives, portions of which were then transferred to the Smithsonian American Art Museum/National Portrait Gallery Library and are available in their vertical file on Bransom. Loaned material is not described in this finding aid.
Related Material

The Archives of American Art holds the Helen Ireland Hays papers related to Paul Bransom, which contains 36 audio cassette recordings of Hays interviewing Bransom, among other materials. The Special Collections Division of the Stewart Library at Weber State College in Ogden, Utah holds the Paul Bransom Collection, a collection containing artwork, books from Bransom's personal library, manuscript material and photographs donated by Bransom in 1972 and 1974.

Alternative Forms Available

The papers of Paul Bransom were digitized in 2007 by the Archives of American Art, and total 11,397 images.

Duplicates, copies, certain printed materials, personal items of limited research value, and certain items related to others have not been digitized, as noted in the container listing.

Portions of the collection lent for microfilming are available on 35 mm microfilm reel D254 at the Archives of American Art offices and for interlibrary loan.

Processing Information

The bulk of the current collection was donated to the Archives in a series of 13 separate accessions between 1972 and 1986. 17 items were loaned by Paul Bransom to the Archives in 1966 and microfilmed on reel D254. Most of this loan was included in the later gifts. All of the accessions were integrated and the collection was fully processed and described by Megan McShea in 2006, and digitized, with funding provided by the Terra Foundation for American Art.

Preferred Citation


Restrictions on Access

The bulk of the collection has been digitized and is available online via AAA’s website. Use of material not digitized requires an appointment.

Ownership and Literary Rights

The Paul Bransom papers are owned by the Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution. Literary rights as possessed by the donor have been dedicated to public use for research, study, and scholarship. The collection is subject to all copyright laws.

Biographical Note

Wildlife illustrator, painter, and cartoonist Paul Bransom was born in 1885 in Washington, D.C., and grew up sketching animals in his yard and at the National Zoo. He began work as a draftsman for the U.S. Patent Office at age 13, and went on to produce technical drawings for the Southern Railroad Co. and General Electric. He moved to New York City in 1903 and worked for the New York Evening Journal from 1904 to 1907, where he produced the comic "News from Bugville" and other cartoons. During this time, he befriended several New York artists in the cartoon trade, including James Swinnerton, Charles Sarka, T.S. Sullivan, Walt Kuhn, Rudy Dirks, and Gus Mager. He was a member of the Kit Kat Club and joined in their sketch classes and annual skelters. He sketched frequently at the New York Zoological Park, and was
eventually invited by the director to use a room in the lion house as his studio. He married Grace Bond, an actress, in 1906.

Bransom's break as an illustrator came from art editor George Horace Lorimer of the Saturday Evening Post, who bought several of his drawings for Post covers around 1907. Bransom began illustrating animal stories regularly in magazines such as Delineator, Country Gentleman, An American Boy, Good Housekeeping, and Ladies Home Journal. In 1912, heillustrated a special edition Jack London's Call of the Wild, and soon after that, the first illustrated edition of The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame. During his career, Bransom illustrated 45 books and was a regular contributor to 35 magazines, illustrating works by popular writers such as Albert Payson Terhune, J. Frank Dobie, and Emma-Lindsay Squier. He also created animal scenes for advertisements.

In 1917, Bransom built a studio on Canada Lake, NY, in the Adirondacks and he and his wife split their time between the Canada Lake home and a winter apartment on 67th Street in New York City. In 1949, he bought a second summer home near Jackson Hole, Wyoming, in what is now the Grand Teton National Forest. In Wyoming, Bransom hosted artist friends and taught outdoor classes for the Teton Artists Associated until 1962, when his health forced him from the high altitudes back to Canada Lake, NY.

Bransom held his first solo exhibition in 1925 at Arden Gallery in New York City, and had at least 18 solo exhibitions around the country throughout his life, including at the Warren E. Cox Gallery (1929), Charles Scribner's Gallery (1935), the New York Zoological Park (1942), the Society of Illustrators (1942), the Denver Museum (1950), and the Woodmere Gallery in Philadelphia (1963). He often exhibited in the annual group exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists, a group he co-founded in 1960 and served as its second president, from 1968 until his death. Bransom was also a member of the American Watercolor Society, the American Artists' Professional League, the Salmagundi Club, the Dutch Treat Club, and the Boone and Crockett Club. In 1974 Bransom was granted an honorary Doctor of Art degree from Weber State College in Ogden, Utah. In 1975 he won the Benjamin West Clinedinst Memorial Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Painting.

Paul Bransom died in 1979 at the age of 94.

Scope and Content Note

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The correspondence is particularly rich in documenting Bransom's early career as an illustrator, and his relationships with authors, art editors, and publishers from the 1900s to the 1940s. Correspondence also contains a wealth of cards, many of which bear reproductions or original artwork by his many artist friends. Correspondence often bears notes made by Bransom about the correspondent. Further documentation of Bransom's career is found in Notes and Writings, including narrative writings and lists of artwork and contacts; and in Personal Business Records, which contain records of transactions with various clients and galleries, as well as bibliographies of works illustrated by Bransom, and an art inventory created posthumously by Mario Cesar Romero.

Printed materials include exhibition records, which are often annotated, and copies of Bransom's illustrations and cartoons as they appeared in print. Also found are clippings about Bransom and other artists he knew; newsletters, pamphlets, and other materials related to organizations with which he was involved; and a copy of his book on animal drawing technique. Photographs depict Bransom, his
childhood and family, homes and studios, friends, travels, and other events. Many of the photographs bear identifications by Bransom. The collection has a voluminous Artwork series, which includes two sketchbooks and hundreds of original sketches, drawings, and designs by Bransom, as well as a series of prints and original artwork by others.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 8 series:

- Series 1: Biographical Material, circa 1862-1979 (Box 1, OV 12; 6 folders)
- Series 2: Correspondence, circa 1903-1984 (Box 1-5; 4.5 linear feet)
- Series 3: Notes and Writings, circa 1927-1973 (Box 5, OV 12; 0.2 linear feet)
- Series 4: Personal Business Records, circa 1912-1981 (Box 5; 0.3 linear feet)
- Series 5: Printed Materials, circa 1905-1985 (Boxes 6-7, OV 12; 1.5 linear feet)
- Series 6: Photographs, circa 1885-1976 (Boxes 7-8, 10; 1.3 linear feet)
- Series 7: Scrapbooks, circa 1880s-1970s (Boxes 8 and 11; 0.5 linear feet)
- Series 8: Artwork, 1903-1976 (Boxes 8-9, OV 13-22; 1.7 linear feet)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Animal painters -- New York (State) -- New York
- Animals in art -- New York (State) -- New York
- Art -- Economic aspects
- Greeting cards
- Magazine illustration -- 20th century -- New York (State) -- New York
- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York
- Works of art

Types of Materials:
- Illustrated letters
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Sketchbooks
Container Listing

Series 1: Biographical Materials, circa 1862-1866, 1904, 1942-1979

6 Folders (Box 1, OV 12)

Biographical materials include notes, essays, and pamphlets and other ephemera related to Bransom's life and career. Also found are a passport, various awards, certificates of merit, and maps showing Bransom's property. A menu from the Café des Beaux Arts from New Year's Eve, 1904, is autographed by Bransom's artist friends, including J.D. Allen, Rudolph Dirks, F. Opper, James Swinnerton, Gus Mager, H.A. McGill, and T.S. Sullivant, among others. A file on Bransom's grandfather contains financial notes and receipts, an undated letter, and a newspaper item related to his death.

Additional biographical notes and essays about other artists Bransom knew can be found in Notes and Writings.

Box 1, Folder 1  Notes and Essays, 1976, undated
                 Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 2  Printed Matter, 1963-1979, undated
                 Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 3  IDs, Awards, and Certificates, 1942-1979
                 (See also OV 12)
                 Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 4  Property, 1947, undated
                 (See also OV 12)
                 Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 5  Autographed Menu, 1904
                 Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 6  W.S. Bransom, Paul Bransom's Grandfather, 1862-1866, 1942, undated
                 Image(s)

Box 12, Folder   Oversized Biographical Materials
                 (See Box 1, f3-4)
Series 2: Correspondence, circa 1903-1984

4.5 Linear feet (Box 1-5)

This series includes personal and professional correspondence of Paul Bransom from the beginning of his career until the end of his life. Correspondence includes letters from other artists, art directors and editors, writers, nature and wildlife conservators and zoologists, curators, collectors, printers, engravers, family, and friends. Also found are letters Bransom wrote to his wife, Grace Bond Bransom, early in their relationship, and scattered correspondence to Grace Bond Bransom and Althea Bond, Bransom's niece and heiress. Many illustrated letters are found among the correspondence, including several lavishly illustrated letters from Charles Sarka. Photographs, clippings, and other enclosures such as membership cards, are scattered throughout the series.

Correspondence is divided into three groups: that between Paul Bransom and his wife, general correspondence, and cards. General correspondence is arranged chronologically except for occasional instances where letters were originally grouped together by author or subject. Drafts and carbon copies of outgoing letters written by Paul Bransom are interfiled with general correspondence, and undated drafts are filed at the end of the general correspondence. Greeting cards with significant written messages are interfiled with general correspondence, and cards without messages are arranged alphabetically at the end of the series. Many of the cards are made with original artwork, as indicated in the folder notes below.

General correspondence contains letters and records of transactions with Bransom's publishing clients, as well as letters from many authors whose stories Bransom illustrated, especially between the 1900s and the 1940s. Among the authors are Albert Payson Terhune, Donald Culross Peattie, J. Frank Dobie, Dorothy Cottrell, Attilio Gatti, Charmian London (wife of Jack London), and Herbert Sass. Artists represented in Bransom's correspondence include Charles Sarka, Joe Back, Walter Biggs, Patricia Bott, Chen Chi, John Clymer, Paul Fair, Charles Hargens, Bob Kuhn, Dorothy and Gertrude Lathrop, Bob Lougheed, George McLean, Ugo Mochi, Bill and Rachel Scott, Donald Teague, and Clarence Tillenius.

Letters and envelopes are often annotated by Bransom giving the full name of the author and sometimes the nature of their relationship or other biographical information. Additional correspondence can be found in Personal Business Records, and some drafts of outgoing letters are found in the notebooks filed in Notes and Writings.

See Appendix for a list of selected correspondents from Series 2.

Appendix: Selected Correspondents from Series 2

This selected index to Series 2: General Correspondence, includes selected artists, writers whose works Bransom illustrated, art editors and directors, collectors, printers and engravers, and other significant correspondents. Illustrated letters are indicated in parentheses. This index is not comprehensive.

- Agathon, Oshin: 1961, 1963
- Aleshire, Morris: 1929 (illustrated letter)
- Alexander, Charles: 1923
- Balch, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn: 1938-1939
- Bartholomew, C.L. "Bart": 1921
- Beal, Gifford: 1950, 1955
- Bellows, George: 1913
- Benda, W.T.: 1935, undated
• Blair, W. Reid: 1926, 1929, 1933
• Bowden, Harry: 1929
• Brand, Eva: 1972, undated
• Bull, Charles Livingston: 1931, 1933-1934
• Cady, Harrison: 1962, 1963
• Calfee, William: 1933
• Chaffee, Allan: 1931, 1932, 1937-1938, undated
• Chapin, J. H.: 1918-1920
• Chapin, James P.: 1942, 1945, 1963
• Chapman, Charles: 1931, 1934, 1960, undated
• Chi, Chen: 1953, 1957, 1958
• Cooper, Courtiey Ryley: 1934
• Cooper, Frederic Taber: 1920
• Cottrell, Dorothy, 1931-1933
• Cox, Warren: 1977
• Crowninshield, Frank: 1910
• Curwood, James Oliver: 1919
• DeFeo, Charles: 1969
• Delano, Gerard C.: 1957
• Dinsmore, Elizabeth: 1929, 1930-1940
• Dirks, Rudy: 1905 (2 illustrated envelopes)
• Dower, Walter: 1922-1925, 1927-1928
• Drake, A.W.: 1907-1908
• Dwiggins, Clare Victor: 1950 (illustrated letter)
• Eldridge, Paul: 1914 (illustrated letter)
• Enos, Ben H.: 1913
• Evans, George W. "Dub": 1928, 1945, 1961 (see also Notes and Writings, New Mexico Lion Hunt)
• Evans, Joe: 1928, 1945
• Fabian, Harold: 1958, 1973
• Fair, Paul: 1928-1929, 1931, 1939, 1945, 1948
• Field, Charles K.: 1914
• Folmsbee, Beulah: 1940
• Gannam, John: 1963
• Gatti, Atilio: 1941, 1944, 1947
• Gibson, "Pop": 1918-1919
• Gibson, Charles Dana: 1903, 1913
• Gilbert, Kenneth: 1925, 1928, 1945, 1972
• Godfrey, W.C.: 1929
• Goldman, Arthur: 1932
• Hagen, Grant: 1957, 1959, 1966, 1972
• Hahn Vidal, Margarita: 1963
• Hibben, Frank C. and Eleanor: 1945, 1972
• Hill, Maybel Betsy: 1933
Series 2: Correspondence

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• House, Brad: 1951, 1960, undated
• Howland, Karl V.S.: 1916-1917
• Hunt, Lynn Bogue: 1958
• Hurst, Dean: 1972, 1978
• Kappel, Phillip: 1930, 1955
• Kent, Norman: 1963
• Kirkland, John W., Jr.: 1940
• Kuhn, Vera: 1949
• Kuhn, Walt: 1905 (illustrated envelope), 1945
• Kylgaard, James: 1939
• Lentelli, Leo and Mimi: 1955, 1956, 1962-1963
• Lewis, Martin: 1930
• Lippincott, Joseph W.: 1933, 1945, 1954, 1975
• Logan, Maurice: 1929
• London, Charmian (Mrs. Jack London): 1913-1914
• Long, Ray: 1912
• MacCreagh, Gordon: 1935, undated (illustrated letter)
• McCoy, Garnett: 1966
• McLean, George: 1964-1965, 1971, undated
• Meigs, Ruth: undated
• Miller, George C.: 1949
• Mills, Dorothy: 1928
• Moon, Carl: 1928
• Morris, George Ford: undated
• Moyle, Seth: 1911
• Murphy, Robert: 1940-1941
• Newell, Dave: 1942-1943 (illustrated letters), 1944-1945 (illustrated letter)
• Newett, Henry R.: 1927
• Nisbet, Bob: 1953-1954
• Osborn, Frederick and Margaret: 1930, 1940, 1954-1955, 1973, undated
• Palmer, Loren: 1926
• Peattie, Donald Culross: 1927, 1937
• Platt, Joseph B.: 1926
• Richards, George M.: 1913
• Roosevelt, Mrs. Kermit: 1941
• Ruggles, C.B.: 1933
• Rutledge, Archibald: 1939-1940, 1949
• Sanborn, Elwin Roswell: undated
• Sass, Herbert R.: 1934-1936, 1940, 1942
• Saxton, Eugene: 1929
• Schaldach, William, 1946, 1958
• Schuler, Loring: 1919, 1927, 1931
• Sleicher, Bob: undated
• Sprunt, Alexander: 1932-1933
• Stahl, Ben: 1944, 1969, 1972
• Stokes, Frederick A.: 1921
• Stolper, Joel: 1940
• Stone, Walter King: 1933
• Taylor, E.H.: 1925-1927, 1930, undated
• Teague, Donald: 1970, 1972, 1975-1976
• Tee-Van, John: 1942
• Terhune, Albert Payson: 1926, 1927, 1929
• Thomas, J. Sharkey: 1974-1977
• Thompson, H.A.: 1907-1909
• Thurber, James: 1957
• Washington, Booker T.: 1915
• Watson, Ernest: 1951
• Weaver, John V.A.: 1928
• Wengenroth, Stow: 1962
• Williams, Wheeler: 1964, undated (illustrated letter)
• Wood, Peggy: 1928

Box 1, Folder 7  Letters of Introduction for Paul Bransom, undated
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Box 1, Folder 8-10 Letters from Paul Bransom to Grace Bond (Bransom), 1905-1908, 1926
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Box 1, Folder 11 Notes Between Paul and Grace Bransom, 1942, undated
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Box 2, Folder 10  General Correspondence, 1951-1952
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Box 2, Folder 28-29  General Correspondence, 1962
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Box 3, Folder 1-3  General Correspondence, 1965
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Box 3, Folder 4-6  General Correspondence, 1966
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Box 3, Folder 7-8  General Correspondence, 1967
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Box 4, Folder 8  General Correspondence, 1980-1982
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Box 4, Folder 9  General Correspondence, 1983-1984
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Box 4, Folder 10  General Correspondence, A-B, undated
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Box 4, Folder 12  General Correspondence, G-H, undated
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Box 4, Folder 19  Drafts of Letters by Paul Bransom, undated
Box 4

Paul Bransom's Outgoing Christmas Cards, circa 1930, 1963-1965, undated

Box 4, Folder 21

Paul Bransom's Outgoing Christmas Cards (Duplicates), 1963, undated

Box 4, Folder 22

Wendy Astley-Bell, 1966, undated

(Contains original artwork)

Box 4, Folder 23

Alice Atkinson, undated

(Contains original artwork)

Box 4, Folder 24

Miscellaneous A, 1955-1968, undated

Box 4, Folder 25

Wladislaw, Romola, and Emilia Benda, undated

(Contains original artwork)

Box 4, Folder 26-27

Miscellaneous B, 1953-1978, undated

(2 folders)

(Contains cards made by Harry Beckhoff, Frank Bensing, Ed Bierly, Walter Biggs, Pat Bott, Bob Brikerhoff, and Joseph Burgess)

Box 4, Folder 28

Chen Chi, undated

Box 4, Folder 29

Chen Chi (Duplicates), undated

Box 4, Folder 30-31

Miscellaneous C, 1956-1979, undated

(2 folders)

(Contains cards made by Harrison Cady, Bob Carroll, Charles Chapman, John Clymer, Kent Day Coes, Farrell Collett, Elizabeth Cowan, and a photograph of John Clymer)

Box 4, Folder 32

Gerard Curtis Delano, undated
Box 4, Folder 33  Rita Duis (Astley-Bell), 1971-1980, undated
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Box 4, Folder 34  Miscellaneous D, 1961-1968, undated
Image(s)
(Contains cards made by Bob Davenport, Joe Davis, Gladdys Davis, and Charles DeFeo)

Box 4, Folder 35  Miscellaneous E, 1950-1977, undated
Image(s)
(Contains cards made by Rosalie Edge)

Box 4, Folder 36  Miscellaneous F, 1963-1967, undated
Image(s)
(Contains cards made by Bill Freeman, O.E. von Feuher, and Elisabeth Fulda)

Box 4, Folder 37  Miscellaneous G, 1957-1977, undated
Image(s)
(Contains cards made by Rube Goldberg, Frank Gervasi, and Al Gilbert)

Box 4, Folder 38  Malthe Hasselriis, undated
Image(s)
(Contains original artwork)

Box 4, Folder 39-40  Miscellaneous H, 1954-1974, undated
Image(s)
Image(s)
(Contains cards made by Grant Hagen, Charles Hargens, John Hamburger, Helen Ireland Hays, Lynn Bogue Hunt, and photographs of Frank and Brownie Hibben)

Box 4, Folder 41  Miscellaneous I-J, undated
Image(s)
(Contains cards made by Helen Ingliss, Joseph C. Jones, Anders Jordahl, and Hazel Brill Jackson)

Box 4, Folder 42  Bob and Dorie Kane, undated
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 43  Bob Kuhn, 1963-1974, undated
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 44  Walt Kuhn, 1940, undated
Box 5, Folder 1  
Miscellaneous K, 1977-1978, undated  
(Contains cards made by Phil Kappel, Isabelle Knobloch, and Les Kouba)

Box 5, Folder 2-3  
Miscellaneous L, 1959-1981, undated  
(Contains cards made by Jack Lehrer, Dorothy Lathrop, William R. Leigh, Kay Lichty, and an original drawing by Bob Lougheed)

Box 5, Folder 4  
Ugo and Edna Mochi, 1974-1980, undated  
(Contains original artwork)

Box 5, Folder 5  
Benson Moore, 1969, undated  
(Contains original artwork)

Box 5, Folder 6  
Benson Moore (Duplicates), undated  
(Contains original artwork)

Box 5, Folder 7-8  
Miscellaneous M, 1962-1980, undated  
(Contains cards made by Joseph Margulies, Dorcas MacClintock, Don Miller, and Olaus Murie)

Box 5, Folder 9  
Miscellaneous N, 1981, undated  
(Contains cards made by A. Henry Nordhausen)

Box 5, Folder 10  
Tom Olenchak, undated

Box 5, Folder 11  
Miscellaneous O-R, 1967-1968, undated  
(Contains cards made by Karl Plath and O. Plancy)

Box 5, Folder 12  
Charles Sarka, 1938, 1957, undated  
(Contains original artwork)

Box 5, Folder 13  
William Schaldach, undated
Box 5, Folder 14  Conrad Schwiering, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 15  Bob Scriver, 1970, undated
Image(s)
(Contains original artwork)

Box 5, Folder 16  Alexander Seidel, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 17  Bob Sleicher, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 18  The Streeters, 1958-1978, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 19  Tom Suggs, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 20-21  Miscellaneous S, 1967-1978, undated
Image(s)
(Contains cards made by Lloyd Sandford, Tona Soglow, Ben Stahl, the Spiro's, and Dolf Swing)

Box 5, Folder 22  Kilpurdy Tee-Van, 1965-1966, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 23  Clarence Tillenius, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 24  Wayne Trimm, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 25  Miscellaneous T, 1932, undated
Image(s)
(Contains cards made by Don Teague, Anice and Albert Payson Terhune, and Ed Tomasieriez)

Box 5, Folder 26  Wheeler Williams, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 27  James Perry Wilson, 1957-1974
Box 5, Folder 28-29  
Miscellaneous V-Z, 1955-1975, undated  
(image(s))  
(Contains cards made by Pietro Valerio, Vilma and F. Warren, Ernest Watson, Katherine Lane Weems, Grant Hagen, and William Zimmerman)

Box 5, Folder 30-32  
Miscellaneous First Names Only, 1962-1978, undated  
(image(s))  
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Series 3: Notes and Writings, circa 1927-1973

0.2 Linear feet (Box 5, OV 12)

This small series includes a diary, notebooks, essays, lists, notes, and other writings by Paul Bransom and others. The diary, with notes, writings, and sketches, was written during a hunting expedition Bransom made with writer J. Frank Dobie in 1927. Other writings in this folder include an eight page essay recounting the hunt by G.W. "Dub" Evans. Four notebooks contain miscellaneous notes on travel expenses, contact information, drafts of outgoing letters, and pressed flowers. Biographical, historical, nature, and art writings include brief essays and notes for talks by Bransom and others about his career, the lives of fellow artists, animals and animal art, and a satirical essay about modern art. Notes by and about Walt Kuhn include an essay by Bransom, comments by Bransom on a journal article about Kuhn, and a sketchbook with visual notes made by Kuhn during a discussion with Paul and Grace Bransom.

Notes on animals and artwork include research notes, ideas for illustrations and stories, and technical notes about artwork. Also found are lists of private collectors of Bransom's work and notes on members of the Jackson Hole, Wyoming, community. Miscellaneous notes concern books, music, spiritual musings, inspirational quotes from published sources, and notes related to items in this collection which have become separated from those items. A folder of poems inspired by Bransom and his paintings, many of which were written by friends for Bransom's birthday, is also present, as well as a photocopy of an inventory from an unknown repository of papers related to H.C. Pitz.

Additional biographical notes and writings concerning Bransom and his career can be found in Biographical Materials. Additional notes pertaining to professional projects and financial matters can be found in Personal Business Records.

Box 5, Folder 33   Diary and Other Writings, New Mexico Lion Hunt (See also Artwork), 1927-1928  
(includes sketches)

Box 5, Folder 34-37   Notebooks, 1950-1959, 1971, undated  
(4 folders)

Box 5, Folder 38   Biographical, Historical, Nature, and Art Writing, undated

Box 5, Folder 39   Notes on Animals and Artwork, 1972, undated

Box 5, Folder 40   Notes by and about Walt Kuhn, 1965, undated

Box 5, Folder 41   Private Collectors of Bransom, 1965, 1969, undated

Box 5, Folder 42   Jackson Hole People and Dude Ranches, 1973, undated
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0.3 Linear feet (Box 5)

This series includes records relating to Bransom's illustration and advertising clients, galleries where he exhibited, other Bransom projects, bibliographies and inventories of Bransom's artwork, and records of projects of family members. Arrangement is alphabetical by gallery or business entity, with special subjects placed at the end of the series. Types of records include correspondence, receipts, lists, notes, contracts, pamphlets, and brochures.

Gallery and illustration client records document exhibitions, consignments, and sales of Bransom's artwork. The files for Teton Artists Associated also contain Bransom's designs for brochures and advertisements, proofs of printed materials, a contract, and lists of students. The file for Northwest Schools contains a contract for the production of an instructional book on animal drawing by Bransom, as well as correspondence related to the project. For a copy of that publication, see Printed Materials.

Also found are bibliographies compiled by Seth Mattingly and Helen Ireland Hays, and an artwork inventory compiled by Mario Cesar Romero after Bransom's death. Drafts of Mattingly's bibliographies are found with his correspondence in Series 1. Additional correspondence related to Bransom's business activities, including magazine and book illustrations, exhibitions, and other business with entities listed in this series can also be found in the Correspondence series. Exhibition Catalogs and other printed materials related to exhibitions can be found in Printed Materials.

Box 5, Folder 46  Abercrombie and Fitch, 1939-1941, 1967  Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 47  Morris L. Appleman, Denver Exhibition, 1950  Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 48  Artists Day at Christmas Sales for the Blind, 1954-1966, undated  Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 49  Charles Scribner's Sons, 1931-1937  Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 50  General Store Gallery, 1970-1971, undated  Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 51  Grand Central Galleries, 1966-1973, undated  Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 52  Hawley Advertising Company, 1933  Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 53  Lord and Thomas Advertising, 1932  Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 54  Northwest Schools, Inc., 1961-1962
Box 5, Folder 55  Royal Ontario Museum, 1975-1976
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 56  Seagram Distillers Company, 1956-1962, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 57  Society of Illustrators, 1942
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 58-59  Teton Artists Associated, 1958-1962, undated
(2 folders)
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 60  *The Toronto Star*, 1945
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 61  Woodmere Art Gallery, 1962-1964, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 62  Notices of Receipt for Artwork, 1925, 1964-1979, undated
Image(s)
(Contains records from Arden Studios, Inc., The James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History in Minnesota, the Fulton County Museum, and the Brandywine River Museum)

Box 5, Folder 63  Miscellaneous Consignments and Sales, 1942-1980, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 64  Miscellaneous Receipts, 1912-1978
Image(s)

Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 66  Grace Bransom's Doll Business, 1953, undated
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 67  Harry Bond's Invention, 1934
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 68  Bibliography of Illustrations, 1980, undated
Box 5, Folder 69  Bibliography and Artwork Inventory, 1980-1981
Image(s)

Box 5, Folder 70  Artwork Inventory Project Notes, undated
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 1-7  Artwork Inventory, circa 1981
(7 folders)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Image(s)
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Series 5: Printed Materials, circa 1905-1985

1.5 Linear feet (Boxes 6-7, OV 12)

This series includes catalogs and announcements for exhibitions; reproductions of Bransom illustrations and cartoons from magazines, newspapers, and calendars; newspaper and magazine articles about Bransom and others; programs from musical events in which Bransom performed; newsletters, brochures, membership directories, mailings, and invitations from organizations in which Bransom was involved; pamphlets and other printed matter about Jack London and other people known to Bransom; and a copy of Bransom's art technique book, *Animal Drawing*.

Catalogs are for individual and group exhibitions of Bransom’s artwork, some of which are annotated with prices and other information. Printed price lists, press releases, and invitations are also found. Selected catalogs of exhibitions by Walt Kuhn and his pupil, Lily Cushing are filed under their names.

Many of Bransom's illustrations for magazine stories are also found, including stories by writers Albert Payson Terhune and Jim Corbett. An early newspaper cartoon series by Bransom called "News From Bugville" is represented here by over 200 printed copies of cartoons. An original drawing from Bransom's cartoon series is found in Artwork.

Clippings include biographies, reviews of exhibitions, book reviews for books illustrated by Bransom, obituaries, and other news related to Bransom and his friends. Additional clippings are found in Scrapbooks, and scattered clippings are found in Correspondence.

Printed material related to organizations ranges from a single item to long runs of newsletters or catalogs, with occasional annotations by Bransom and others. The Salmagundi Club and the Society of Animal Artists have the widest range of materials, including newsletters, announcements, exhibition documentation, membership directories, and other mailings. See also Personal Business Records for original records of Bransom's transactions with some of the organizations listed here.

**Box 6**

**Exhibition Announcements and Catalogs**

Box 6, Folder 8  
Paul Bransom, 1929-1960  
*Image(s)*  
*Image(s)*  
Partially scanned

Box 6, Folder 9  
Paul Bransom, 1962-1969  
(partially scanned)

Box 6, Folder 10  
Paul Bransom, 1970-1979  
(partially scanned)

Box 6, Folder 11  
Paul Bransom, 1980-1983, undated  
(partially scanned)

Box 6, Folder 12  
Paul Bransom (Duplicates), 1931-1979, undated
Box 6, Folder 13  Lily Cushing, 1947  
(not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 14-15  Walt Kuhn, 1927-1962, undated  
(2 folders; not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 16  Illustrations by Paul Bransom, 1925-1939  
(See also OV 12)  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 17  Illustrations by Paul Bransom, 1942-1979  
(See also OV 12)  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 18  Illustrations by Paul Bransom, undated  
(See also OV 12)  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 19  Illustrations by Paul Bransom, Printers' Proofs, 1925, undated  
(See also OV 12)  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 20  Reproductions of Artwork by Other Artists, undated  
(See also OV 12; not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 21-26  Bugs in Bugville and Other Cartoons by Paul Bransom, 1905-1909, undated  
(6 folders)  
Image(s)  
Image(s)  
Image(s)  
Image(s)  
Image(s)  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 27  Clippings about Paul Bransom, 1921-1929  
(See also OV 12)  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 28  Clippings about Paul Bransom, 1935-1948  
(See also OV 12)  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 29  Clippings about Paul Bransom, 1950-1969  
(See also OV 12)  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 30  Clippings about Paul Bransom, 1970-1985
(See also OV 12)

Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 31  Clippings about Paul Bransom, undated
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 32  Clippings about Paul Bransom, Duplicates, 1947-1948, 1967
(not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 33  Clippings about Walt Kuhn, 1920-1962, undated
(not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 34  Clippings about Other Artists and Friends of Paul Bransom, 1965-1976, undated
(not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 35  Music Concerts and Recitals, 1908
Image(s)

Box 6  Organizations
(not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 36  Artists' Fellowship, Inc., 1974-1977

Box 6, Folder 37-38  American Artists Professional League, 1962-1978
(2 folders)

Box 6, Folder 39-41  American Watercolor Society, 1959-1978
(3 folders)

Box 6, Folder 42  Dutch Treat Club, 1972-1979

Box 7, Folder 1-5  Grand Central Art Galleries, 1965-1975

Box 7, Folder 6  Jackson Hole Fine Arts Foundation, 1962, undated

Box 7, Folder 7  New York Water Color Club, 1928

Box 7, Folder 8-11  Salmagundi Club, 1950-1985, undated

Box 7, Folder 12-14  Society of Animal Artists, 1962-1985, undated

Box 7, Folder 15-17  Sportsman's Edge, Ltd., 1977-1979
(3 folders)

Box 7, Folder 18  Miscellaneous Organizations, 1951-1981, undated
(Includes materials related to Bear Paw Ranch; the Junior Literary Guild; the Burroughs Nature Study Club; The Eccentric Club of Gloversville, NY; the National Advertising Art Center, Inc.; the National Amateur Art Festival; the National Society of Arts and Letters; Weber State College; the Boone and Crockett Club; and the International Platform Association)

Box 7    People
         *(not scanned)*

Box 7, Folder 19   Jack London, undated

Box 7, Folder 20   Other Artists and Friends, 1947-1976, undated

Box 7    Publications

Box 7, Folder 21   *Animal Drawing* by Paul Bransom, undated
         *(See OV 12)*
         Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 22   "Story of the Armory Show" by Walt Kuhn, 1938
         *(not scanned)*

Box 12, Folder    Oversized Printed Material
         *(See Box 6, f16-20, 27-30; and Box 7, f21)*

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Series 6: Photographs, circa 1885-1976

1.3 Linear feet (Boxes 7-8, 10)

This series includes photographs depicting Bransom, his family, other artists, pets and other animals, homes and studios, landscapes, trips, events, and works of art. Many of the photographs in this series have identifications on them, some of which appear to have been made retrospectively by Bransom. Other identifications appear to be in the handwriting of his niece and heiress, Althea Bond; and Mario Cesar Romero, who signed his notes “MCR.”

Wherever possible, photographs which appear to have been taken and printed together have been filed together. Numerous photographs of Bransom painting and drawing are found in this series. See folder notes below and notes on the photographs themselves for additional information about content.

The slide album has been re-housed for preservation, but the original arrangement of the slides in their sleeves has been preserved. Images in the slide album include Paul and Grace Bransom, their Canada Lake and Jackson Hole homes, landscapes in the Adirondack and Teton mountains, Bransoms’ friends, Paul Bransom painting in the studio and outside, and nature photographs labeled “studies for paintings.” Most of the slides are Kodachrome and have suffered very little fading.

Additional photographs are found in Scrapbooks, and scattered photographs are found in Correspondence. See the series description for further details.

Box 7, Folder 23  Portraits of Paul Bransom, 1940-1973, undated
(See also Box 10)
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 24  Portraits of Paul Bransom (Duplicates), circa 1940-1973, undated

Box 7, Folder 25-26  Early Photographs of Paul Bransom (See also Scrapbooks), 1910, undated
Image(s)
(Also pictured is Bransom’s sister Mary)

Box 7, Folder 27  Early Photographs of Grace Bond (Bransom), 1905, undated
Image(s)
(Includes photograph taken in Bransom's 23rd St. Studio)

Box 7, Folder 28-29  Bransom Family Photographs, 1885, 1920-1921, undated
(See also Box 10)
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 30  Bond Family Photographs, undated
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 31  Bransom Pets and Animals Used in Illustrations, undated
Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 32  Bransom in Groups with Other Artists, 1904-1952, undated
(See also Box 10)

Image(s)

(Among those identified are T.S. Sullivant, James Swinnerton, H.A. Magill, Marjorie Organ, T.S. Allen, Gus Mager, Lynn Bogue Hunt, Arthur Fuller, and Bob Kuhn)

Box 7, Folder 33  Portraits of Artist Friends of Bransom, 1920-1971, undated

Image(s)

(Pictured are Gus Mager, Walt Kuhn, Bill Scott, Bud Shannon, Charles Leon, Lynn Bogue Hunt, Raechell Scott, Joe Back, Clarence Tillenius)

Box 7, Folder 34  Paul Bransom on Hunting Expeditions, 1926-1927

Image(s)

(Bransom pictured with E.H. Taylor and J. Frank Dobie)

Box 7, Folder 35  Paul and Grace Bransom's Trip West, 1928

Image(s)

(Pictured are the Bransoms and Toby and Marion Vreeland)

Box 7, Folder 36-38  Snapshots of Paul Bransom, Grace Bransom, and Others, circa 1910s-1963

(3 folders, including duplicates and negatives; see also Box 10)

Image(s)

Image(s)

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 39  Snapshots of Paul Bransom and Others, 1964-1976, undated

Image(s)

Box 7  Homes and Studios of Paul Bransom

See also Scrapbooks

Box 7, Folder 40  Brookland, DC (Birthplace), undated

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 41  23rd Street Studio, NYC, circa 1900s

(See Box 10)

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 42  Saratoga Springs, NY, circa 1914-1917

Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 43  Canada Lake, NY, 1918-1925, undated

Image(s)

(Includes photo of Bransom painting in studio)

Box 7, Folder 44  Canada Lake, NY, 1926-1936, undated
Box 7, Folder 45  Canada Lake, NY, 1926-1936, undated

Box 7, Folder 46  Canada Lake, NY, 1926-1936, undated

Box 7, Folder 47  Canada Lake, NY, 1926-1936, undated

Box 7, Folder 48  Canada Lake, NY (Duplicates), 1926-1936, undated

Box 7, Folder 49-53  Canada Lake, NY, Black and White Series, 1930, undated
(5 folders; see also Box 10)

Box 7, Folder 54  Canada Lake, NY, Color Series, undated

Box 8, Folder 1  New York City Apartment, 1962, undated

Box 8, Folder 2  Jackson Hole, Wyoming, 1948-1962

Box 8, Folder 3  Homes of Friends of Bransom, 1943, 1971, undated

Box 8  Events

Box 8, Folder 4  Artists Day at Christmas Sales for the Blind, 1953

Box 8, Folder 5-6  Teton Artists Associated Classes, 1959-1961, undated
(2 folders, including copies)
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 7  Society of Animal Artists Reception, circa 1960s
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 8  Weber State College Honorary Doctorate, 1974
(See also Box 10)
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 9  Unidentified People, 1959, 1976, undated
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 10  Unidentified Landscapes, undated
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 11  Miscellaneous Animal Photographs, 1968-1972, undated
(See also Box 10)
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 12-16  Slide Album, 1953-1967, undated
(5 folders)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Image(s)
(Image(s)
(People pictured in folders 2, 3 and 4)

Box 8, Folder 17-18  Photograph Albums from 90th Birthday, 1975
(2 folders; not scanned)

Box 8  Works of Art

Box 8, Folder 19  By Bransom, Installation Views, 1962-1975, undated
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 20-23  By Bransom, 1948-1972, undated
(4 folders, including negatives; not scanned)

Box 8, Folder 24  By Others, 1937-1976, undated
(See also Box 10; not scanned)

Box 10 (sol)  Oversized Photographs (See Box 7, f23, 30, 33, 39, 42, 53; and Box 8, f8, 11, 24)
Series 7: Scrapbooks, circa 1880s-1970s

0.5 Linear feet (Boxes 8 and 11)

This series consists of two scrapbooks containing clippings, photographs, and exhibition announcements. Neither volume appears to have been made by Bransom himself, and both were part of the donation of Mario Cesar Romero, who had access to the Bransom estate while curating a retrospective exhibition of Bransom’s artwork and creating the artwork inventory in Series 4.

Volume I consists entirely of printed material, mostly clippings and one advertisement for a book illustrated by Bransom, The Argosy of Fables (1921). Clippings also include multiple obituaries. Many of the items in Volume I are duplicated in the Printed Material series.

Volume II contains exhibition announcements (1929-1931), clippings (1920s-1970s), and photographs (circa 1886-1970). Original photographs have been removed from the scrapbook as a preservation measure and to provide access to Bransom’s notes on the backs of photographs. Pages containing the removed photographs have been replaced by photocopies reflecting their original arrangement in the scrapbook. Many of the photographs found in this scrapbook are not found elsewhere in Bransom’s papers. Identifications on the scrapbook pages were made by Mario Cesar Romero.

Box 8, Folder 25  Volume I, undated
  Image(s)
  (Clippings, 1906-1982)

Box 8, Folder 26  Volume II, undated
  (See Box 11)
  Image(s)
  (Original scrapbook pages containing clippings, exhibition announcements, photographs, and newspaper cartoons dated circa 1886-1979)

Box 8, Folder 27  Items Found Tucked Between Pages of Volume II, undated
  (See also Box 11)
  Image(s)
  (photographs of Paul and Grace Bransom, photographs of works of art by Paul Bransom, photograph of oil on canvas portrait of Bransom by Dan Green)

Box 8, Folder 28  Photographs Removed from Volume II, circa 1886-1970
  Image(s)
  (Childhood photographs of Paul Bransom; family members; nanny; Paul and Grace Bransom in Canada Lake, NY home and studio; Paul Bransom painting)

Box 11 (sol), Folder  Oversized Scrapbook (See Box 8, f26)

Box 11 (sol), Folder  Oversized Items Found Tucked Between Pages of Volume II (See Box 8, f27)
Series 8: Artwork, 1903-1976

1.7 Linear feet (Boxes 8-9, OV 13-22)

This series includes sketchbooks, sketches, drawings, designs, illustrations, cartoons, and prints by Paul Bransom, and artwork of various media by other artists. Most of the artwork depicts wildlife and other animals, although drawings of landscapes, flora, and people are also found.

Sketches, drawings, and designs encompass the bulk of this series. Three sketching expeditions from the 1920s are represented. The drawings from the Green Tree racehorse stables in Saratoga Springs are accompanied by an essay recounting the trip. Additional material related to the New Mexico Lion Hunt is found in Notes and Writings. The remainder of miscellaneous sketches, drawings, and designs in this series depict a wide range of subjects in various media, from preliminary rough sketches to very finished drawings. Subjects include domestic animals, North American and African wildlife, flora, landscapes, and narrative subjects for illustrations, usually also with animal subjects. Included are works in charcoal, pencil, pastel, watercolor, and ink.

Prints by Bransom include a series of 26 monotype prints, lithographs, and several woodblock prints, some of which are for bookplates and Christmas cards.

Many of the works of art in this series are signed and/or annotated by Paul Bransom. A few have an inventory number written on them beginning with "E/B," which refers to the artwork inventory created by Mario Cesar Romero. Additional documentation of this inventory project is found in Personal Business Records. Bibliographic information about Bransom's illustrations is also found in Personal Business records. Notes listing artwork and exhibitions can be found in Notes and Writings. Additional artwork, including illustrated letters and cards, is found in Correspondence. See series descriptions for further details.

Box 8, Folder 29
Sketchbook, circa 1930-1940
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 30
Sketchbook, Cattle Sketches, undated
Image(s)

Box 8
Sketches, Drawings, and Designs

Box 8, Folder 31
Alabama Quail Hunt, 1925
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 32
New Mexico Lion Hunt, 1927
(See also OV 13)
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 33
Green Tree Stables, Saratoga Springs, NY, 1929, undated
(See also OV 13)
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 34-47
Miscellaneous Sketches, Drawings, and Designs, undated
(14 of 19 folders)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Box 9 (hol), Folder 1-5  Miscellaneous Sketches, Drawings, and Designs, undated  
(5 of 19 folders; see also OV 13-21)  
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol), Folder 6  "News From Bugville" Original Drawing, circa 1905  
(See OV 22)  
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol), Folder 7  Design for Starr Family Shield, undated  
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol)  Prints

Box 9 (hol), Folder 8-9  Miscellaneous Prints, undated  
(2 folders; see also OV 22)  
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol), Folder 10  Linoleum Blocks, undated  
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol), Folder 11  Proofs, 1947, undated  
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol), Folder 12  Test Prints, undated  
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol)  Artwork By Others
Box 9 (hol), Folder 13  Cartoon by Clare Victor "Dwig" Dwiggins, undated
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol), Folder 14  Painting by O.F. von Feuher, undated
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol), Folder 15  Painting by Al Gilbert, 1976
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol), Folder 16  Sketch of Bransom by Everett Hibbard, 1973
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol), Folder 17  Bookplate by Lionel Lindsay, undated
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol), Folder 18  Print by Benson Moore, 1974
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol), Folder 19  Drawing Signed "MCO", undated
Image(s)

Box 9 (hol), Folder 20  Paintings and Drawings by Charles Sarka, 1903-1910, 1946, 1956, undated
Image(s)

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