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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Christian Brinton papers
Date:	1874-1967
Identifier:	AAA.brinchri
Creator:	Brinton, Christian, 1870-1942
Extent:	8 Microfilm reels ((12 linear feet))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Microfilmed in 1987 as part of AAA's Philadelphia Arts Documentation Project.

Location of Originals

Originals in Chester County Historical Society.

Other Finding Aids

Finding aid available on microfilm.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 4002-4009 available at Archives of American Art offices, through interlibrary loan, at the Free Library of Philadelphia, and at the Chester County Historical Society.

Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

International curator, art critic; West Chester, Pennsylvania. Born 1870. Died 1942. Co-founded and was the first president of the Chester County Art Association.

Scope and Contents

Biographical information, including passports, marriage and divorce papers, a copy of Brinton's will, diaries, 1922, 1925, 1926, and 1928, and an autobiography; correspondence with artists and museums; a Chester County Art Association file containing correspondence, catalogs and a scrapbook; and a file containing research notebooks kept by Brinton on art and artists including personal observations; artist files containing notes and printed material; exhibition files from exhibitions Brinton curated or helped curate; writings,

manuscripts, and typescripts of Brinton's work; and invitations, printed material and manuscripts from various lectures given by Brinton.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art -- Collectors and collecting
- Art -- Study and teaching -- United States
- Art criticism -- United States
- Art, Modern -- 20th century -- United States
- Curators -- United States

Names:

- Chester County Art Association (Chester County, Pa.)

Occupations:

- Art critics -- United States

Container Listing

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Reel 4002, Frame 1-27	Finding Guide
Reel 4002, Frame 28-1567	Biographical Material
Reel 4003, Frame 1-142	Biographical Material
Reel 4003, Frame 143-648	General Correspondence
Reel 4003, Frame 649-1385	Chester County Art Association
Reel 4003, Frame 1386-1611	Professional Career/Art Critic
Reel 4004, Frame 1-2739	Professional Career/Art Critic
Reel 4005, Frame 1-2526	Professional Career/Art Critic
Reel 4006, Frame 1-1429	Professional Career/Art Critic
Reel 4007, Frame 1-1405	Professional Career/Art Critic
Reel 4008, Frame 1-1564	Professional Career/Art Critic
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