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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Brooklyn Museum records
Date:	1823-1963
Identifier:	AAA.broomuse2
Creator:	Brooklyn Museum
Extent:	25 Items (reels of microfilm)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1964-1965 by Brooklyn Museum.

Location of Originals

Originals in Brooklyn Museum.

Other Finding Aids

A microfilm inventory for this collection is available at all Archives of American Art offices.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels BR1- BR25 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

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

Biographical / Historical

The Brooklyn Museum had its roots in the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, founded 1823. The Museum was formed in 1889.

Scope and Contents

Included are extensive memoirs of William Henry Fox director of the museum for over 25 years; scattered records of the Brooklyn Institute, 1823-1873; catalogs for Brooklyn Museum exhibits (4 1/2 reels) and for exhibits held in various galleries and museums, primarily in N.Y. (14 reels); brief records of the Dept. of Painting and Sculpture primarily relating to Gilbert Stuart's portrait of George Washington; records of the Dept. of Prints and Drawings, mainly regarding exhibitions, including correspondence, much of it with curator Una Johnson, correspondence with art dealers, files on artists, and statistics on exhibitions, 1936-1939; and

records of the Registrar's office, 1933-1936, regarding the museum's involvement in the Federal Art Project of the Works Progress Administration, mainly the Graphic Arts Division.

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Dept. of Prints & Drawings artists files relate to: Grace Albee, Josef Albers, Glen Alps, Maxil Ballinger, Leonard Baskin, Wilfred Roloff Beny, Fiske Boyd, Robert Broner, Edmond Casarella, Minna Citron, Robert Conover, Worden Day, Arthur Deshaies, Werner Drewes, Antonio Frasconi, Leon Goldin, William Gropper, Stanley William Hayter, Helen West Heller, Margo Hoff, John Paul Jones, Misch Kohn, David Lang, Ezio Martinelli, Seong Moy, Danny Pierce, Rudolph Pozzatti, Peter Sager, Louis Schanker, Karl Schrag, Susanne Suba, Maltby Sykes, Peter Takal, John Von Wicht, Sylvia Wald, Hyman Warsager, Max Weber, Toshi Yoshida, Richard Zoellner, and others.

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Other correspondents of note (reels BR21-22) include John Taylor Arms, Mary Cassatt (1 letter, 1903), George Overbury "Pop" Hart, Mrs. Gaston Lachaise, Joseph Pennell (re Whistler), and a group from art dealers.

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Also included are papers of and related to Austrian artist Emil Fuchs, including letters regarding commissions, a list of books and prints, and miscellany.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

- Albee, Grace
- Albers, Josef
- Alps, Glen
- Arms, John Taylor, 1887-1953
- Ballinger, Maxil, 1914-
- Baskin, Leonard, 1922-2000
- Beny, Roloff
- Boyd, Fiske, 1895-1975
- Broner, Robert, 1922-
- Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences
- Casarella, Edmond, 1920-1996
- Cassatt, Mary, 1844-1926
- Citron, Minna Wright, 1896-1991
- Conover, Robert F. (Robert Fremont), 1920-
- Day, Worden, 1916-1986
- Deshaies, Arthur
- Drewes, Werner, 1899-1985
- Federal Art Project
- Fox, William Henry, 1858-1952

Frasconi, Antonio
Fuchs, Emil, 1866-1929
Goldin, Leon, 1923-
Gropper, William, 1897-1977
Hart, George Overbury, 1868-1933
Hayter, Stanley William, 1901-1988
Heller, Helen West, d. 1955
Hoff, Margo
Jones, John Paul, 1924-
Kohn, Misch, 1916-
Lachaise, Isabelle Nagle, d. 1957
Lang, David, b. 1897
Martinelli, Ezio, 1913-1980
Moy, Seong
Pennell, Joseph, 1857-1926
Pierce, Danny, 1920-
Pozzatti, Rudy, 1925-
Sager, Peter
Schanker, Louis, 1903-1981
Schrag, Karl
Suba, Susanne, 1913-
Sykes, Maltby
Takal, Peter, 1905-
Von Wicht, John, 1888-1970
Wald, Sylvia, 1915-
Warsager, Hyman J., 1909-1974
Weber, Max, 1881-1961
Whistler, James McNeill, 1834-1903
Yoshida, Tōshi, 1911-
Zoellner, Richard

Occupations:

Museum administrators -- New York (State) -- New York -- Brooklyn
Museum directors -- New York (State) -- New York -- Brooklyn
Painters

Functions:

Art museums -- New York (State)