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Harrison Cady papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Harrison Cady papers
<b>Date:</b>	1902-2002
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.cadyharr
<b>Creator:</b>	Cady, Harrison, 1877-1970
<b>Extent:</b>	17.7 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This collection was donated in installments from 1971-1974 by David, Harrison, Winthrop and Frances Eldredge, nephews and the sister-in-law of Harrison Cady, and again by David Eldredge in 2008.

### 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

Harrison Cady (1877-1970) was an illustrator and painter from Gardner, Mass. He is best known for his illustrations of animals, in particular, Peter Rabbit. Cady's illustrations were published in numerous magazines, childrens' books and newspapers.

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## Scope and Contents

Biographical material, letters, writings, photographs, financial material, works of art and printed material relating to the work of Harrison Cady as an illustrator and painter.

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Biographical material includes a draft of Cady's will, death notices, and a certificate of merit. Letters are from Thornton Burgess, Ogden Pleissner, and Stow Wengenroth. Writings consist of 31 diaries, address books and lists, notes, 132 notebooks containing lists of stories and of works of art, and annotated sketches of Cady's travels in New England and Europe. Photographs are of Cady, his family, friends, works of art, and scenes of his travels. Works of art include 27 sketchbooks and 2425 sketches and drawings, original ink drawings for cartoons for the New York Tribune and Life magazine, and sketches by Melinna, Cady's wife. Printed material includes exhibition catalogs and announcements, reproductions of Cady's drawings,

including a drawing of Peter Rabbit given out as a "souvenir of the 1934 Easter Party", travel brochures, and clippings.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Types of Materials:

- Drawings
- Sketchbooks

### Names:

- Burgess, Thornton W. (Thornton Waldo), 1874-1965
- Pleissner, Ogden M.
- Wengenroth, Stow, 1906-1978

### Occupations:

- Illustrators -- Massachusetts
- Illustrators -- New York (State) -- New York
- Painters -- Massachusetts
- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York