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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	William H. Calfee papers
Date:	1937-1982
Identifier:	AAA.calfwill
Creator:	Calfee, William H. (William Howard), 1909-1995
Extent:	650 Items
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1977-1982 by William Calfee.

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.

Biographical / Historical

Painter, sculptor; Washington, D.C. area. Calfee worked on WPA mural projects for post offices in the 1930s. He was chair of the art dept. at American University, 1945-1954.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, undated and 1966-1982, mostly letters from friends, including Jack Tworokov, Karel Yasko, and others; photographs of Calfee's studio, of his work, of his designs for a Harrisonburg, Virginia WPA mural, and of paintings by Mary Orwen; notebooks, poetry and essays on numerous subjects, 1954-1981, some with illustrations; an illustrated travel diary, 1977, covering a trip to Italy, and other accounts of travels to France, Greece and Turkey; art works, 1937-1955, including many sketches for the WPA mural; one blueprint for the WPA mural; exhibition announcements, 1962-1965; and clippings, 1940-1981. Also included is a complete set of the periodical, RIGHT ANGLE, published by the American University, 1947-1949; and miscellaneous printed material.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Artists' studios -- Photographs

Mural painting and decoration, American

Names:

American University (Washington, D.C.). Fine Arts Dept. -- Faculty

Occupations:

Painters -- Washington (D.C.)

Preferred Titles:

Right angle