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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	John William Casilear papers
Date:	1832-1962
Identifier:	AAA.casijohn
Creator:	Casilear, John William, 1811-1893
Extent:	80 Items ((on partial microfilm reel))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by Lawrence Fleischman, who received them from Foster Wild Rice, 1962. Rice, the great-grandson of bank note engraver Nathaniel Jocelyn, wrote a brief history of the Jocelyn family of engravers, *The Jocelyn Engravers* (1948), with whom Casilear was associated in the bank note engraving business. He acquired the papers from Grace Casilear Burr (d. 1906), and Miss Elinor Woolson, Casilear descendents.

Location of Originals

Original Kensett diary in: Whitney Museum of Art.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel D177 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Reproduction Note

Some reproductions of paintings, and the listings of work contributed to the National Academy of Design are photocopies.

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Kensett diary selections are typed excerpts.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Engraver, painter. The Casilear family were engravers of bank notes. In 1840, Casilear along with friends John Frederick Kensett, Asher B. Durand and others, went to Europe to study art.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, including two letters to engraver and landscape painter John Frederick Kensett, 1832-1833, four to his son, John W. Casilear, Jr. 1891-1892; typed excerpts from a diary kept by Kensett, 1840-1841; genealogical and biographical material including family documents, articles and publication extracts about Casilear, compiled and/or annotated by Grace Casilear Burr, John W. Casilear, Jr., and historian Foster Wild Rice; five original Casilear engravings; reproductions of art works; lists of art work; and family photographs, including a daguerreotype of Casilear, and two unidentified ambrotypes.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Bank notes -- United States

Names:

Burr, Grace Casilear
Casilear, John W., 1868-1937
Kensett, John Frederick, 1816-1872
Rice, Foster Wild
Woolson, Elinor

Occupations:

Engravers
Landscape painters
Painters