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A Finding Aid to the Wendell Castle papers,  
1965 -1975, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Wendell Castle papers
<b>Date:</b>	1965-1975
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.castwend
<b>Creator:</b>	Castle, Wendell, 1932-2018
<b>Extent:</b>	0.6 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The papers of Rochester, New York-based furniture designer, sculptor, and educator Wendell Castle measure 0.6 linear feet and date from 1965 to 1975. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence with galleries, museums, universities, clients, friends, and colleagues. Also found is a small amount of other material such as resumes, financial records, price lists, notes, and printed material.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The Wendell Castle papers were donated to the Archives of American Art in 1982 by Wendell Castle.

### Related Materials

Also found in the Archives of American Art is an oral history interview with Wendell Castle conducted by Robert F. Brown on June 3-December 12, 1981; and an oral history interview with Wendell Castle conducted by Jeannine Falino on February 22-24, 2012.

### Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Rihoko Ueno in 2020.

### Preferred Citation

Wendell Castle papers, 1965-1975. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

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## Biographical / Historical

Wendell Castle (1932-2018) was a furniture designer, sculptor, and educator based in Rochester, New York. He was born in Emporia, Kansas and received both his bachelor's in industrial design and master's in sculpture from the University of Kansas. He taught at the School for American Craftsmen and the Rochester Institute of Technology.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers of Rochester, New York-based furniture designer, sculptor, and educator Wendell Castle measure 0.6 linear feet and date from 1965 to 1975. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence with galleries, museums, universities, clients, friends, and colleagues. Also found is a small amount of other material such as resumes, financial records, price lists, notes, and printed material.

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## Arrangement

Due to the small size of the collection the papers are arranged as one series.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Decorative arts

Occupations:

Educators -- New York (State) -- Rochester  
Furniture designers -- New York (State)  
Sculptors -- New York (State) -- Rochester

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Wendell Castle Papers, circa 1965-1975

#### 0.6 Linear feet (Boxes 1-2)

Scope and Contents: The bulk of this series consists of chronological correspondence with museums, galleries, universities, friends, and colleagues. There are also resumes, miscellaneous notes, price lists, financial records, and printed materials.

Box 1, Folder 1	Resumes, circa 1965-circa 1975
Box 1, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1965-1966
Box 1, Folder 3	Correspondence, 1967 January-May
Box 1, Folder 4	Correspondence, 1967 June-November
Box 1, Folder 5	Correspondence, 1968 January-April
Box 1, Folder 6	Correspondence, 1968 May-December
Box 1, Folder 7	Correspondence, 1969 January-March
Box 1, Folder 8	Correspondence, 1969 April-July
Box 1, Folder 9	Correspondence, 1969 August-December
Box 1, Folder 10	Correspondence, 1970 January-February
Box 1, Folder 11	Correspondence, 1970 March-October
Box 1, Folder 12	Correspondence, 1971 January-May
Box 1, Folder 13	Correspondence, 1971 June-August
Box 1, Folder 14	Correspondence, 1971 September-December
Box 1, Folder 15	Correspondence, 1972 January-March
Box 1, Folder 16	Correspondence, 1972 April-June
Box 1, Folder 17	Correspondence, 1972 July-September
Box 1, Folder 18	Correspondence, 1972 October-December
Box 1, Folder 19	Correspondence, 1973 January-April

Box 1, Folder 20	Correspondence, 1974
Box 1, Folder 21	Correspondence, 1975
Box 2, Folder 1	Correspondence (Undated), circa 1965-circa 1975
Box 2, Folder 2	Correspondence (Undated), circa 1965-circa 1975
Box 2, Folder 3	Correspondence (Undated), circa 1965-circa 1975
Box 2, Folder 4	Correspondence (Undated - Day Dates, No Year), circa 1965-circa 1975
Box 2, Folder 5	Correspondence from Wendell Castell (Undated Letter Drafts), circa 1965-circa 1975
Box 2, Folder 6	Financial Records, 1966-1975
Box 2, Folder 7	Price Lists, circa 1966-circa 1968
Box 2, Folder 8	Miscellaneous Notes and Lists, circa 1965-circa 1975
Box 2, Folder 9	Printed Material, 1966-1974

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