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Catlin family papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Catlin family papers
Date:	[ca. 1807]-1973 (bulk [ca. 1807-1900])
Identifier:	AAA.catlfami
Creator:	Catlin family Hamilton, N. Y.
Extent:	1 Linear foot ((on 3 microfilm reels))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by David Morse, 1984. Morse purchased the papers from Thomas Lenz. Material on reel 2707 had been previously lent by Lenz for microfilming in 1982.

Other Finding Aids

Inventory and family genealogy available at all Archives of American Art offices.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 2707, 3023 and 3024 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

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

Family of artists. Putnam Catlin and Polly Sutton Catlin had 14 children, one of whom was George Catlin, noted for his paintings of American West and Indian portraits.

Scope and Contents

Family memorabilia, printed material, genealogical information, correspondence, writings, and notebooks.

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REELS 3023-3024: Five notebooks kept by Horace P. Hartshorn, nephew of George Catlin, containing family histories, and genealogical information on Catlin and Raymond families; a handwritten copy of a letter to Edward Payne from Putnam Catlin, July 20, 1810; family letters; ten deeds for property conveyed to Asa Hartshorn, Horace P. Hartshorn, and Thomas C. Hartshorn, 1832-1899; a warrant for bounty land assigned to Horace P. Hartshorn, 1857; photographs, including studio cards, tintypes, cartes-de-visite, a daguerrotype of Mary Catlin Hartshorn (unfilmed), and a portrait album containing 24 photographs of Catlin family members; and newspaper clippings of obituaries and wedding announcements.

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REEL 2707: A notebook of Horace P. Hartshorn containing family obituaries, clippings on George Catlin and his works of art, and transcriptions of funeral sermons for various family members, 1848; an album, 1832, of brothers, John and George Catlin, containing engravings, unpublished writings by family members and friends, and eulogies of John and Julius Catlin; the last will and testament of Putnam Catlin, 1841; and miscellaneous materials, including a writing desk.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Painting, American

Names:

Catlin, George, 1796-1872
Catlin, John, 1812-1834
Catlin, Julius C.
Catlin, Putnam, 1764-1842
Hartshorn family
Hartshorn, Horace P., 1823-1902
Hartshorn, Mary Catlin, 1802-1848
Hartshorn, Thomas C. (Thomas Coles), 1800-1854
Payne, Edward
Pettengill, Celina Raymond, 1819-1892
Raymond family

Occupations:

Painters