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Jefferson David Chalfant papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Jefferson David Chalfant papers
<b>Date:</b>	1885-1976
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.chaljeff
<b>Creator:</b>	Chalfant, Jefferson David, 1856-1931 (Creator) Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (Creator) Society of American Artists (Creator) American Art Association (Society) (Creator) Craig and Evans (Firm) (Creator) National Academy of Design (U.S.) (Creator)
<b>Extent:</b>	1.7 Items (linear feet (on 2 microfilm reels))
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1976 by Mrs. Margaret E. Chalfant.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 2426-2427 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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Portrait painter, inventor; Wilmington, Delaware. An extremely meticulous painter; his facsimile of a one dollar note was so perfectly rendered, it was confiscated by the U.S. government.

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence with Chalfant's agent, H. Wood Sullivan, also George H. Sullivan, American Art Association and its successor Society of American Artists, Craig and Evans, George C. Folsom, Lawrence J. Morris, National Academy of Design, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Richard Robbins, and others; William D. Davis's research material on Chalfant; correspondence regarding Chalfant's portrait of Nicholas Van Dyke, Jr.; writings,

drawings, specifications , and printed material relating to Chalfant's type justifying machine and other patents; financial material; exhibition catalogs, 1887-1890; photographs of Chalfant, his wife, and art works; and miscellany.

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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
- Scrapbooks

### Names:

- Ainslie, George H.
- Folsom, George C.
- Morris, Lawrence Johnson, 1870-1949
- Robbins, Richard
- Sullivan, H. Wood

### Occupations:

- Inventors
- Painters
- Portrait painters