



# Smithsonian

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## Corcoran Gallery of Art records

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Corcoran Gallery of Art records
<b>Date:</b>	1860-1947
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.corcga11
<b>Creator:</b>	Corcoran Gallery of Art
<b>Extent:</b>	44 Linear feet ((microfilmed on 19 reels))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1971-1982 by the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

### Location of Originals

Originals in the Corcoran Gallery of Art Archives.

### Other Finding Aids

An index to letters on microfilm reels 702-721 appears on microfilm reel 1473. A finding aid for microfilm reels 246-264 is available at Archives of American Art offices.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 246-264, 2679, 702-721, 1473, and 830-832 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence; letterpress books; journals; and an account book.

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REELS 246-264: Letterpress books, 1869-1945, containing copies of letters sent and each containing an alphabetical index, 1869-1908; a letterpress book of treasurer's reports; a journal of official proceedings of the trustees, continued as minutes; and a curator's journal.

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## Scope and Contents

REELS 702-721: ca. 20,000 letters received, 1870-January 1908.

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## Scope and Contents

REELS 830-832: Letters to William Wilson Corcoran and members of the board of trustees, regarding the formation of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, 1860-1874. The letters concern the design and construction of the building, the acquisition of works of art, appointment of staff, and shipment of works. Also included are correspondence and minutes of meetings, 1906-1907, regarding the 1907 painting exhibition.

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## Scope and Contents

REEL 1473: Register of letters received, 1869-1908, listing the name and place of the correspondent, the date the letter was written, received, and answered, and the subject of the letter.

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## Scope and Contents

REEL 2679 (fr. 1068-1109): An account book with records of American paintings sold in Corcoran's biennial exhibitions, 1907-1947, including titles of the works, the artist's name, catalog numbers for the paintings, the entry price, the purchase price and buyer's name.

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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:

Art -- Exhibitions -- Washington (D.C.)  
Art -- Marketing

Names:

Corcoran, W. W. (William Wilson), 1798-1888

Functions:

Art museums -- Washington (D.C.)