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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Dean Cornwell papers
Identifier:	AAA.corndean
Date:	1893-1981
Creator:	Cornwell, Dean, 1892-1960
Extent:	3.9 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1984 by Lucy Cornwell, daughter of Dean Cornwell.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 3781-3783 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

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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

Muralist, painter, illustrator. Cornwell was born in Louisville, Ky. in 1892. He attended the Chicago Art Institute and began his career as a newspaper and magazine illustrator. He painted murals for the lobby of the Eastern Airlines Building at Rockefeller Plaza, the Hotel Warwick's Raleigh Room, and the Los Angeles Public Library. He is also well known for his painting of WWII correspondent Ernie Pyle.

Scope and Contents

Biographical material, 1937-1978, including a text for the biography, DEAN CORNWELL: DEAN OF ILLUSTRATORS by Patricia Janis Broder; correspondence with artists and business associates; diaries, ca. 1941-1957; writings and notes; business records, ca. 1949-1961; ten sketches, undated and 1934; five scrapbooks containing reproductions of others' art works; exhibition announcements and catalogs, ca. 1940-1960; clippings, magazines, pamphlets and brochures, ca. 1926-1960; reproductions of art works; photographs, undated and 1920-1960, of Cornwell and of his art works; and slides and transparencies.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Mural painting and decoration -- 20th century -- United States
Mural painting and decoration, American

Types of Materials:

Scrapbooks

Names:

Broder, Patricia Janis

Occupations:

Illustrators
Muralists
Painters