

John Cranch papers

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives of American Art

Title: John Cranch papers

Date: 1831-1892

Identifier: AAA.cranjohn

Creator: Cranch, John, 1807-1891

Extent: 8 Items ((on 2 partial microfilm reels))

Language: English.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Journals & sketches lent and photo donated 1985 by John E. Cranch, great-grandson of the artist.

Location of Originals

Originals returned to the lender, John E. Cranch, after microfilming.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 3569 & 3667 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

Portrait painter; Washington, D.C. and Urbana, Ohio.

Scope and Contents

A journal; watercolor and pencil sketches; and a photograph.

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REEL 3569: A handwritten copy, ca. 1892, of a journal kept by John Cranch from 1831 to 1833 while studying in Italy. The journal contains descriptions of Italian art, architecture and scenery, an account of Cranch's physical and

emotional state of health and his drawing and painting activities, and annotated pencil sketches. Cranch's travelling companions were Thomas Cole and Henry and Horatio Greenough. The journal was hand copied by Cranch's wife, Charlotte. Also included are 6 watercolor and pencil sketches, 1856 and 1886-1887.

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REEL 3667: One photograph of Cranch in his studio at his daughter's home in Urbana, Ohio, ca. 1885.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art -- Study and teaching -- Italy

Names:

Cole, Thomas, 1801-1848 Greenough, Henry, 1807-1883 Greenough, Horatio, 1805-1852

Occupations:

Landscape painters Portrait painters Sculptors

Functions:

Artists' studios -- Ohio