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Paul Philippe Cret papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Paul Philippe Cret papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.cretpaul
<b>Date:</b>	1919-1931
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Microfilm reels
<b>Creator:</b>	Cret, Paul Philippe, 1876-1945 Bryant and Detwiler Co.
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1980 by the Detroit Institute of Arts.

### Location of Originals

Originals in Detroit Institute of Arts Archives, Detroit, Michigan.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 2106-2107 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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## Biographical / Historical

Architect; Philadelphia, Pa. Born in France. Architect of Folger Shakespeare Library, Detroit Institute of Arts.

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## Scope and Contents

Papers relating to Cret's position as architect of the Detroit Art Institute. Included are correspondence with Clyde H. Burroughs and Ralph H. Booth of the Detroit Arts Commission, architect Albert Kahn, art historian William H. Valentiner, and builders Bryant and Detwiler Co.; and design and construction

files, 1920-1929, containing construction progress reports, memoranda, specifications, schedules, and contracts.

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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:

Architecture -- Michigan -- Detroit

Names:

Booth, Ralph H. (Ralph Harmon), 1873-1931  
Burroughs, Clyde H. (Clyde Huntley), 1882-1973  
Detroit Arts Commission  
Detroit Institute of Arts  
Kahn, Albert, 1869-1942  
Valentiner, Wilhelm Reinhold, 1880-1958

Occupations:

Architects -- Michigan  
Architects -- Pennsylvania  
Art historians -- Michigan  
Art patrons -- Michigan  
Museum directors -- Michigan