

A Finding Aid to the Chester Dale Papers, circa 1883-2003, bulk 1920-1970, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Chester Dale papers
Date:	circa 1883-2003 (bulk 1920-1970)
Identifier:	AAA.daleches
Creator:	Dale, Chester, b. 1883
Extent:	8.4 Linear feet
Language:	The collection is in English.
Summary:	The papers of New York art collector Chester Dale measure 8.4 linear feet and date from circa 1883-2003. Dale amassed one of the world's most complete collections of nineteenth and twentieth century French art, was a collector of eighteenth century American portraitists, and a patron and collector of twentieth American artists including George Bellows and Mary Cassatt. The bulk of the collection dates from 1920 to 1970 and documents Dale's activities through biographical material, correspondence, memoirs and other writings, purchase, sales and estate records, printed material, scrapbooks, and photographs.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated in 1972 by Mary Dale, Chester Dale's second wife, and in 1985 by Mary Dale's estate.

Related Materials

Holdings at the Archives of American Art also include the Chester Dale papers concerning George Bellows, 1919-1956, comprising correspondence, a photograph, and invoices relating to Chester Dale's relationship with George Bellows and Dale's interest in artwork by Bellows; and the Chester Dale eulogy, consisting of one 35 minute, 9 second sound tape reel of a eulogy delivered by an unidentified speaker.

Available Formats

The bulk of the collection was digitized in 2018 and is available on the Archives of American Art website. Materials which have not been digitized include blank pages, blank versos of photographs, negatives and transparencies for which prints exist, stereo slides, the dictaphone recordings, the home movie, and duplicates. In some cases, exhibition catalogs and other publications have had only their covers, title pages, and relevant pages digitized.

Processing Information

The collection received a preliminary level of arrangement after donation and was partially microfilmed on reels 927 and 3968-3974. The collection was processed, prepared for digitization, and described in a finding aid by Stephanie Ashley in 2017 with funding provided by The Walton Family Foundation.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

New York art patron and collector of French and American art Chester Dale (1883-1962), made his fortune as a banker who pioneered the sale of public utility securities. He began purchasing French paintings in the mid-1920s and retired from the investment security business in 1935 in order to focus full time on the acquisition of art.

Dale was encouraged to begin collecting art by his first wife, Maud Dale, who was an artist, a writer, and a former chairman of the Exhibition Committee of the Museum of French Art. With the benefit of his wife's knowledge, passion, and perception, Dale began to lay the foundation of his collection in 1926, and amassed circa seven hundred pictures within ten years. His collection is considered to be one of the most complete collections of nineteenth and twentieth century French art in the world, and includes some of the finest examples of works by Braque, Corot, Delacroix, Degas, Derain, Dufy, Leger, Matisse, and Renoir, as well as by artists representative of the French tradition in art including Modigliani, Picasso, Rivera, and Van Gogh.

Although primarily interested in French art, Dale also collected and encouraged American artists. He was a patron of George Bellows and Salvador Dali, and had his portrait painted by both artists. Dale presented the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the National Gallery of Art with their first Dali paintings, the latter being *The Sacrament of the Last Supper*. Dale also purchased works by Mary Cassatt, representative works by "the Eight," and examples of eighteenth century American portraitists John Smibert, Gilbert Stuart and Thomas Sully. In the early 1940s he visited Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Mexico, and Rivera subsequently completed a portrait of Dale in 1945.

Dale served as a trustee to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Chicago Art Institute, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. He made the first of a series of gifts to the National Gallery of Art when it opened in 1941. In 1955 he was elected president of the museum, by which time his collection occupied ten of its galleries. Dale bequeathed the bulk of his remaining collection to the National Gallery in his will. This final gift included eighty of his favorite pictures, which had been located in his Manhattan apartment at the Plaza Hotel up until his death.

A year after the death of Maud Dale in 1953, Dale married Mary Towar Bullard, whom he had employed as his secretary for twenty-five years. Mary Dale oversaw the disbursement of her husband's estate, following Dale's death from a heart attack in 1962.

Scope and Contents

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Biographical material comprises brief genealogical and biographical notes on Dale's father's side of the family; four pieces of miscellaneous artwork; several certificates, membership cards, and programs; circa six unidentified dictaphone recordings; and a home movie of an unidentified social event.

Correspondence provides scattered documentation of Dale's activities as a collector and benefactor, including correspondence relating to gifts to various museums such as the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as well as posthumous gifts to the Allentown Art Museum and Amherst College. Also documented is Dale's election as president of the National Gallery of Art in 1955. There are several letters to and from Salvador and Gala Dali, copies of two letters from Diego Rivera, and letters from other friends and business associates, including historian Georges Salles. Over one third of the correspondence consists of condolence telegrams and letters sent to Mary Dale following Dale's death. Other correspondence documents Mary Dale's work as exhibition chairman for the Parrish Museum of Art, and includes letters from Andrew, Jamie, and Nicholas Wyeth.

Writings include typed drafts of Dale's memoirs which recall the beginning of his career in banking, and include stories of his early experiences in buying art. Dale credits the highly discerning and influential eye of his first wife, Maud Dale, for guiding him in his early selections, and his memoirs recall his unconventionally direct way of doing business with the Paris art dealers. Two travel diaries record a 1904 trip to Europe, and five trips to Europe and the Caribbean between 1949 and 1953. Writings by others include several essays on Dale by various authors, several essays on art by Maud Dale, and a typed draft of a manuscript on Dale's life by Neil MacNeil.

Extensive inventories, estate appraisals, and will disbursement records document the contents of the Chester Dale collection in Series 4. Also found here are receipts for specific purchases of works by Cezanne, Cassatt, Dali, Dufy, Picasso, and others.

Printed material includes catalogs for auction sales annotated with sales prices and other purchase information; catalogs of Dale's collection; and exhibition catalogs and announcements for the Parrish Museum of Art during Mary Dale's tenure as exhibition chairman. Some of the catalogs include essays by Maud Dale. News clippings and magazine articles document press coverage of Dale's activities at home and abroad.

Scrapbooks contain additional printed material, primarily news clippings, documenting press coverage of Chester Dale's life from the 1920s until his death. One of the scrapbooks includes multiple photographs of Dale and others, including a photo of Frida Kahlo and Jose Orozco. An additional scrapbook of photographs and clippings documents Mary Dale's life before and after her marriage to Dale.

Photographs are of Dale, Mary Dale, Maud Dale, family, friends, and colleagues. There are photographs of Dale and Mary Dale with artists including George Braques, Salvador and Gala Dali, Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo, and Jamie and Nicholas Wyeth; and friends and associates Renee and Claire Batigne, Veronica "Rocky" Cooper and Maria Cooper, Robert Sturgis Ingersoll, Edith Hamilton with Robert Frost, Neil MacNeil, Herbert Mayes, and Paul and Timothy Mellon. There are individual photos and three photograph albums of Dale's various residences and his collection, including photographs taken shortly before his death at his Plaza Hotel apartment showing some of his favorite pictures. Photographers include Rudolph Burkhardt, Irving Cantor, Ivan Dmitri, and Dmitri Kessel. There are also many photographs of exhibition openings and museum events, especially events at the National Gallery of Art, including the presentation of Dale's gift of Dali's *The Sacrament of the Last Supper* to the museum in 1956, and the occasion of Queen Elizabeth II of England's visit to the museum in 1957. Photographs also include photographs of artwork in Dale's collection.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged as seven series.

- Series 1: Biographical Material, circa 1897-circa 1960, 2003 (Boxes 1, 7-8; FC 20; 0.45 linear feet)
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1911-1984 (Box 1; 0.9 linear feet)
- Series 3: Writings, 1904-1963 (Boxes 2, 8; 0.55 linear feet)
- Series 4: Chester Dale Collection, circa 1930-1968 (Boxes 2-3; 1 linear foot)
- Series 5: Printed Material, 1925-circa 1972 (Boxes 3-4, 8, OV 9; 1.2 linear feet)
- Series 6: Scrapbooks, circa 1920s-1963 (Box 4, BVs 10-14; 1.2 linear feet)
- Series 7: Photographs, circa 1883-1972 (Boxes 4-6, 19, BVs 15-17, OV 18; 3.3 linear feet)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art -- Collectors and collecting Art, French--19th century Art, French--20th century Art, Modern -- 20th century -- Collectors and collecting Art, Modern--19th century--Collectors and collecting Motion pictures (visual works)

Types of Materials:

Photographs Scrapbooks Sound recordings Travel diaries

Names:

Allentown Art Museum Amherst College Batigne, Claire Batigne, Renee Braque, Georges, 1882-1963 Burkhardt, Rudy Cantor, Irving Cassatt, Mary, 1844-1926 Cooper, Maria Cooper, Veronica Cézanne, Paul, 1839-1906 Dale, Mary Towar Bullard, 1892-1984 Dale, Maud, 1875-1953 Dallas Museum of Art Dalí, Gala Dalí, Salvador, 1904-1989 Dmitri, Ivan, 1900-1968 Dufy, Raoul, 1877-1953

Elizabeth, Queen of Great Britain, II, 1926-Frost, Robert, 1874-1963 Hamilton, Edith, 1867-1963 Ingersoll, R. Sturgis (Robert Sturgis), b. 1891 Kahlo, Frida Kessel, Dmitri MacNeil, Neil Mayes, Herbert R., 1900-1987 (Herbert Raymond) Mellon, Paul Mellon, Timothy Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, N.Y.) National Gallery of Art (U.S.) Orozco, José Clemente, 1883-1949 Parrish Art Museum Picasso, Pablo, 1881-1973 Rivera, Diego, 1886-1957 Salles, Georges Wyeth, Andrew, 1917-2009 Wyeth, Jamie, 1946-Wyeth, Nicholas

Occupations:

Art dealers -- France -- Paris

Places:

Europe -- description and travel

Container Listing

Series 1: Biographical Material, circa 1897-circa 1960, 2003

0.45 Linear feet (Boxes 1, 7-8, FC 20)

Scope and Contents: Biographical material includes four pieces of artwork by unidentified artists, including a self portrait sketch inscribed to Mary Bullard, an etching of a dog, "Shandy," a caricature of Dale with his poodle, and an illustrated photograph; certificates and membership cards, including two certificates for the Society of Illustrators; programs, including one for the presentation of the Gari Melchers Gold Medal to Chester Dale in 1952, and a program for an African cruise on the S. S. Laconia; a hand-colored papal blessing; a film reel (with two copies) of an unidentified home movie, possibly of a dinner event; and circa six dictaphone recordings. Labels on the dictaphone recordings are illegible but it is possible they include recordings of Dale's dictated memoirs.

Available The bulk of this series has been digitized with the exception of the home movie and the dictaphone recordings.

Box 1, Folder 1	Artwork, 1912-1955Notes:Oversized material housed in Box 8, Folder 1
Box 1, Folder 2	Biographical Notes on Dale Family, circa 1950s
Box 1, Folder 3	Certificates, Membership Cards and Programs, circa 1897-1928, circa 1950s
Box 1, Folder 4	Papal Blessing, 1949Notes:Oversized material housed in Box 8, Folder 1
Box 1, Folder 5	Home Movie, circa 1950s, 2003 1 Film reel (original; 16mm) 1 Videocassettes (Digital Betacam) (duplicate; duration 1 min, 30 sec) 1 Videocassettes (VHS) (duplicate) Notes: Film reel stored separately in film can numbered FC 20
Box 1, Folder 6	Unidentified Dictaphone Recordings, circa 1952-circa 1960 6 Sound recordings (Dictabelt) Notes: Recordings housed in Box 7, Folders 1-4
Box 7, Folder 1	Dictaphone Recordings from Box 1, Folder 6, circa 1952 9 Sound recordings (Dictabelt)
Box 7, Folder 2	Dictaphone Recordings from Box 1, Folder 6, circa 1958 15 Sound recordings (Dictabelt)
Box 7, Folder 3	Dictaphone Recordings from Box 1, Folder 6, circa 1959 43 Sound recordings (Dictabelt)
Box 7, Folder 4	Dictaphone Recordings from Box 1, Folder 6, circa 1960

	14 Sound recordings (Dictabelt)
Box 8, Folder 1	Oversized Artwork digitized with Box 1, Folder 1
Box 8, Folder 1	Oversized Papal Blessing digitized with Box 1, Folder 4
Item FC 20	Untitled Home Movie, circa 1950s 1 Film reel (16mm)

Series 2: Correspondence, 1911-1984

0.9 Linear feet (Box 1)

Scope and Contents: Less than circa 0.3 linear feet of this series directly documents Dale's personal and professional activities through correspondence with artists, friends, businesses, museums and other art institutions. Dale's correspondence includes letters documenting gifts to museums including the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the National Gallery of Art. The series includes letters from friends and business associates congratulating Dale on his election as President of the National Gallery of Art in 1955; circa thirteen letters and postcards from Gala and Salvador Dali, including two illustrated postcards; copies of two 1944 letters from Diego Rivera in which Rivera expresses his admiration for all Dale has accomplished, and states his opinions of the Toulouse Lautrec painting *Two Women*; and a letter from President Harry Truman thanking Dale for his gift to the Ambassador's residence in Paris.

The remaining correspondence relates to Mary Dale's activities after Chester Dale's death, including arrangements relating to Dale's gift to Amherst College; correspondence with Neil MacNeill regarding MacNeil's manuscript for a book on Dale; and correspondence documenting Mary Dale's election to the board of trustees of the Allentown Art Museum in 1969, her appointment as an honorary trustee in 1971, and the assistance she provided to the museum in planning their exhibition schedule.

Thirteen folders of correspondence and related material document Mary Dale's involvement with the Parrish Art Museum during her tenure as exhibition chairman. In addition to correspondence, material includes loan forms, notes and lists, and minutes of the museum's board meetings which document arrangements for exhibitions of works by Mary Cassatt, Roland Oudot, the Wyeth family, and others. Correspondence includes letters from Andrew, Jamie, and Nicholas Wyeth.

The remainder of the series comprises condolence telegrams and letters sent to Mary Dale following Dale's death.

Available This bulk of this series has been digitized with the exception of floral arrangement cards from Dale's funeral.

Arrangement: Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by correspondent in a combination of named and "general" files. Condolence letters are arranged alphabetically at the end of the series.

Box 1, Folder 7	Allentown Art Museum, 1969-1971
Box 1, Folder 8	Amherst College, 1963-1964
Box 1, Folder 9	Artists' Fellowship, Inc., 1952
Box 1, Folder 10	B, General, circa 1943-circa 1955, 1984Notes:1984 item is an empty envelope
Box 1, Folder 11	C, General, 1930-1955
Box 1, Folder 12	D, General, 1963-1968
Box 1, Folder 13	Doane Family, 1941-1965
Box 1, Folder 14	Dali, Gala and Salvador, 1955-1962

Box 1, Folder 15	Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, 1945-1950
Box 1, Folder 16	E-G, General, 1911-1962
Box 1, Folder 17	H-L, General, 1929-1976
Box 1, Folder 18	M, General, 1930-1964
Box 1, Folder 19	Museo de Arte, Sao Paulo, 1951-1952
Box 1, Folder 20	N, General, circa 1955
Box 1, Folder 21	National Gallery of Art, 1962-1966
Box 1, Folder 22	National Gallery of Art, Board of Trustees Appointment, Congratulatory Letters, 1955
Box 1, Folder 23	P, circa 1950-1965
Box 1, Folder 24	Parrish Art Museum, circa 1959-circa 1970
Box 1, Folder 25	Parrish Art Museum, 1964-1965
Box 1, Folder 26	Parrish Art Museum, 1966 January
Box 1, Folder 27	Parrish Art Museum, 1966 February-March
Box 1, Folder 28	Parrish Art Museum, 1966 April-May
Box 1, Folder 29	Parrish Art Museum, 1966 June-July
Box 1, Folder 30	Parrish Art Museum, 1966 August-December
Box 1, Folder 31	Parrish Art Museum, 1967 January-April
Box 1, Folder 32	Parrish Art Museum, 1967 May-December
Box 1, Folder 33	Parrish Art Museum, 1968-1970
Box 1, Folder 34	Parrish Art Museum Loan Agreements, 1966
Box 1, Folder 35	Parrish Art Museum Loan Agreements, 1966
Box 1, Folder 36	Parrish Art Museum Loan Agreements, 1967
Box 1, Folder 37	R, General, circa 1937-1965

Box 1, Folder 38	S, General, 1955-1971
Box 1, Folder 39	Salles, Georges, 1955-1963
Box 1, Folder 40	T-W, General, 1926-1965
Box 1, Folder 41	A, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 42	B, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 43	C, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 44	D, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 45	E, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 46	F-G, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 47	H, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 48	I-J, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 49	K-L, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 50	M, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 51	N, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 52	O-P, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 53	R, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 54	S, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 55	T-V, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 56	W-Z, Condolence Letters, 1962-1963
Box 1, Folder 57	First Names Only, and Illegible, Condolence Letters, A-W, 1962-1963
Box 2, Folder 1	Floral Arrangement Cards from Dale's Funeral, 1962

Series 3: Writings, 1904-1963

0.55 Linear feet (Boxes 2, 8)

Scope and Contents: Writings by Dale include an essay on Rolad Oudot written for a 1955 exhibition; an essay for the *New York Times* on Dale's collection of nineteenth century French paintings; financial and investment articles written for W. C. Langley & Co. during Dale's employment with the company; and typed drafts of memoirs written in 1958 and 1959. The memoir from 1958 recalls Dale's early employment and experiences in the world of finance. The 1959 memoir, a "retype of the 1953 version," records his early experiences in art collecting. The memoirs reference how Mary Towar Bullard, Dale's secretary at the time, encouraged him to tell stories related to the purchase of his first paintings and record them using a dictaphone. It is possible that these stories can be found on the dictaphone recordings in Series 1.

There are two travel diaries in this series. The diary for 1904 opens "on board the Kaiser Franz Joseph-July 1st" and reference is made to it being the writer's 21st birthday. Although 1904 would be the year of Dale's 21st birthday, the July date conflicts with records stating May as the month of Dale's birth. The author of the diary, therefore, cannot be confirmed. It describes, through a series of journal entries, a trip to Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, Holland, England, and Scotland visiting museums and other cultural sites.

The second travel diary has short notes on five different trips to Europe and the Caribbean taken during 1949-1953, and includes some brief note on impressions of artwork seen on the trip. The bulk of the diary, however, consists of names and addresses of overseas contacts.

Also found are writings by others, about Dale, and on art in general. These include typed drafts of Neil MacNeil's writings on Dale's life and his collection which draw extensively from Dale's memoirs. It is unclear whether MacNeil's writings on Dale were published, but they include two folders of data sheets for artwork in Dale's collection, possibly intended to be used for illustrations in a book. Other writings include addresses given at Dale's interment and memorial service; four newspaper articles/ press releases about Dale; and several essays by authors including Henry McBride and Horace Havermeyer.

Of additional note are several typed manuscripts of essays on art by Maud Dale, and two articles by her that were published in *Art News*. Additional writings by Maud Dale can be found in Series 5: Printed Material in some of the early published catalogs.

AvailableThe bulk of this series has been digitized. Only the relevant pages of publications from W. C. LangleyFormats:& Co., Investments have been digitized.

Arrangement: This series is arranged as two subseries.

- 3.1. Writings by Dale, 1904-1959
- 3.2. Writings by Others, circa 1930s-1963

Subseries 3.1: Writings by Dale, 1904-1959

Box 2, Folder 2	Catalog Essay, Roland Oudot, 1955
Box 2, Folder 3	Essay for the New York Times, circa 1952
Box 2, Folder 4	For W. C. Langley & Co., Investments, 1919-1922
Box 2, Folder 5	For W. C. Langley & Co., Investments, 1923-1929

Box 2, Folder 6	Memoirs, 1958
Box 2, Folder 7	Memoirs, 1958
Box 2, Folder 8	Memoirs, 1959
Box 2, Folder 9	Memoirs, 1959
Box 2, Folder 10	Travel Diary, 1904
Box 2, Folder 11	Travel Diary, 1949-1953
Box 2, Folder 12	Travel Diary, Loose Notes, circa 1949-circa 1953

Subseries 3.2: Writings by Others, circa 1930s-1963

Box 2, Folder 13	About Chester Dale, circa 1930s-circa 1960s
Box 2, Folder 14	About Chester Dale, 1936-1963
Box 2, Folder 15	About Chester Dale, by MacNeil, Neil, circa 1962
Box 2, Folder 16	About Chester Dale, by MacNeil, Neil, circa 1962
Box 2, Folder 17	About Chester Dale, by MacNeil, Neil, circa 1962
Box 2, Folder 18	About Chester Dale, by MacNeil, Neil, circa 1962
Box 2, Folder 19	About Chester Dale, Interment and Memorial Service Addresses and Register, 1962 December 18
Box 2, Folder 20	By Dale, Maud, 1929-1930sNotes:Oversized material housed in Box 8, Folder 2
Box 2, Folder 21	On Art, undated
Box 8, Folder 2	Oversized, By Dale, Maud digitized with Box 2, Folder 20

Series 4: Chester Dale Collection, circa 1930-1968

1 Linear foot (Boxes 2-3)

Scope and This series includes inventories of the Chester Dale collection and houses documents related to the appraisal and disbursement of Dale's estate.

Several iterations of the collection inventory list artwork in the collection alphabetically by artist and include details such as artist, title, execution and purchase dates, provenance, exhibition history, size, reproduction details, and press coverage. Only the first of the two main inventories includes prices, as indicated on the original cover. There are two additional inventories in which artwork is grouped by auctions, sales, and gifts, including sales at Parke-Bernet Galleries and Plaza Art Gallery.

Lists of artwork are from various sources and include a list of American pictures, two lists of gifts from the Dale collection, and a list of Dale's collection on loan to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Receipts include a 1930 receipt for artwork purchased by Mary Bullard and a "list of pictures belonging to Mary Bullard" with prices. There are receipts for individual artwork purchased from various galleries, which document the purchase of works by Cezanne, Cassatt, Dufy, Picasso, and others. Also found is a receipt for the sale of Salvador Dali's portrait of Dale from Carstairs Gallery.

Records documenting the disbursement of Dale's will to various art institutions include lists, legal documents, and related correspondence.

Also found is a guest book which provides a list of visitors to the Chester Dale collection at his residence on 79th Street, New York, New York, which lists dates, names, and sometimes occasions for the visit.

Arrangement: The priced and unpriced inventories have been labeled numbers 1 and 2 respectively for clarity. Folders are arranged alphabetically by type of record.

Available This series has been digitized in entirety, with the exception of duplicates. Formats:

Box 2, Folder 22	Collection Inventory #1, A-B, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 23	Collection Inventory #1, C, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 24	Collection Inventory #1, D, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 25	Collection Inventory #1, E-G, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 26	Collection Inventory #1, H-L, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 27	Collection Inventory #1, M, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 28	Collection Inventory #1, N-Q, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 29	Collection Inventory #1, R-S, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 30	Collection Inventory #1, T-V, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 31	Collection Inventory #1, W-Z, circa 1964

Box 2, Folder 32	Collection Inventory #1, List of Contents of Large Portfolio, (bulk circa 1964)
Box 2, Folder 33	Collection Inventory #2, A-J, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 34	Collection Inventory #2, K-Z, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 35	Collection Inventory, Auctions, Sales, and Gifts, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 36	Collection Inventory, Auctions and Sales, Parke Bernet and Plaza Gallery (1944-1946), circa 1946
Box 2, Folder 37	Collection Inventory, Auctions and Sales, Parke Bernet and Plaza Gallery (1944-1946), circa 1946
Box 2, Folder 38	Estate Appraisal, circa 1964
Box 2, Folder 39	Estate Appraisal, circa 1964
Box 3, Folder 1	Estate Appraisal, circa 1964
Box 3, Folder 2	Estate Appraisal, circa 1964
Box 3, Folder 3	Estate Appraisal, circa 1964
Box 3, Folder 4	Estate Appraisal, Chemical Bank, circa 1964
Box 3, Folder 5	Guest Book, 1934-1942
Box 3, Folder 6	Lists of Artwork, circa 1950s
Box 3, Folder 7	Receipts for Artwork, circa 1930-1937
Box 3, Folder 8	Receipts for Artwork, 1948-1965
Box 3, Folder 9	Will Disbursement, 1963
Box 3, Folder 10	Will Disbursement, Addision Gallery of American Art, 1963
Box 3, Folder 11	Will Disbursement, Art Institute of Chicago, 1963-1964
Box 3, Folder 12	Will Disbursement, Art Students League, 1964
Box 3, Folder 13	Will Disbursement, Brooklyn Museum, 1963-1968
Box 3, Folder 14	Will Disbursement, Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, 1963
Box 3, Folder 15	Will Disbursement, Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1963-1968

Box 3, Folder 16	Will Disbursement, North Dakota Heritage Center, 1963-1964

Box 3, Folder 17 Will Disbursement, Smith College Museum of Art, 1963-1968

Series 5: Printed Material, 1925-circa 1972

1.2 Linear feet (Boxes 3-4, 8, OV 9)

Scope and Catalogs are of exhibitions and of auction sales, many of which are annotated; check marks in some of the auction catalogs may indicate items bought by Dale. Several exhibition catalogs include essays and introductions by Maud Dale, including a 1929 essay on Modigliani and a 1929 essay on the Chester Dale collection, "Before Manet to Modigliani from the Chester Dale Collection."

Many of the Parrish Art Museum catalogs and announcements are for exhibitions arranged by Mary Dale in her capacity as exhibition chairman, as documented in the Parrish Art Museum correspondence in Series 2.

One 1953 folder of catalogs includes notations on "artists seen by Dale on his first visit to Spain that he found good." The series also includes bound catalogs of the Chester Dale collection in Washington, Chicago, and Philadelphia, one of which is inscribed to Mary Bullard.

New clippings consist of articles, primarily about Chester Dale, including obituaries from 1962. They include bound editions of *Life* Magazine articles about Dale, and a bound volume of *Esquire* featuring an article about Dale by Murdock Pemberton entitled "Ambassador to Art." Clippings also document people and subjects of interest to Dale.

Of note is a poster for the exhibition *Douze Décors de Théâtre par Maud Dale*, 1925, at Galerie J. Allard which can be seen in photographs of Dale's country residence in Series 7: Photographs.

Available The bulk of this series has been digitized. For some catalogs, only the covers, title pages, and relevant pages have been digitized.

Box 3, Folder 18	Catalogs, 1928-1929
Box 3, Folder 19	Catalogs, 1929
Box 3, Folder 20	Catalogs, 1929-1930
Box 3, Folder 21	Catalogs, 1930-1933
Box 3, Folder 22	Catalogs, 1933-1937
Box 3, Folder 23	Catalogs, 1944-1946
Box 3, Folder 24	Catalogs, 1946
Box 3, Folder 25	Catalogs, 1953
Box 3, Folder 26	Catalogs, 1964-1966
Box 3, Folder 27	Catalogs and Announcements, Parrish Art Museum, circa 1960s
Box 3, Folder 28	Catalogs and Announcements, Parrish Art Museum, 1966-1967
Box 3, Folder 29	Catalogs and Announcements, Parrish Art Museum, 1968-1971

Box 3, Folder 30	Catalogs of Chester Dale Collection, Bound, 1941-1943
Box 4, Folder 1	Catalogs of Chester Dale Collection, Bound, 1942-1943
Box 4, Folder 2	Catalogs of Chester Dale Collection at National Gallery of Art, 1965
Box 4, Folder 3	Esquire Article "Ambassador to Art" by Murdock Pemberton, 1938 Notes: Oversized material housed in Box 8, Folder 3
Box 4, Folder 4	Life Magazine Articles, 1946-1962 Notes: Oversized material housed in Box 8, Folder 4
Box 4, Folder 5	News Clippings, circa 1924-circa 1932Notes:Oversized material housed in Box 8, Folder 5
Box 4, Folder 6	News Clippings, 1942-1949Notes:Oversized material housed in Box 8, Folder 5
Box 4, Folder 7	News Clippings, 1950-1951 Notes: Oversized material housed in Box 8, Folder 5
Box 4, Folder 8	News Clippings, 1952-1954
Box 4, Folder 9	News Clippings, 1955-1956
Box 4, Folder 10	News Clippings, 1957-1959
Box 4, Folder 11	News Clippings, 1960-1962 Notes: Overized material housed in Box 8, Folder 6
Box 4, Folder 12	News Clippings, 1963-1964 Notes: Oversized material housed in Box 8, Folder 6
Box 4, Folder 13	News Clippings, 1965 Notes: Oversized material housed in Box 8, Folder 6
Box 4, Folder 14	News Clippings, 1966 Notes: Oversized material housed in Box 8, Folder 6
Box 4, Folder 15	News Clippings, 1967
Box 4, Folder 16	News Clippings, 1968-1971
Box 4, Folder 17	Poster for Exhibition Douze Décors de Théâtre par Maud Dale, Galerie J. Allard, 1925 Notes: Oversized material housed in OV 9
Box 4, Folder 18	Miscellaneous Printed Material, circa 1930s-circa 1970s

Box 4, Folder 19	Miscellaneous Printed Material, 1936-1972
Box 4, Folder 20	Miscellaneous Printed Material, News Clippings, circa 1960s-circa 1972
Box 8, Folder 3	Oversized Esquire Article "Ambassador to Art" by Murdock Pemberton digitized with Box 4, Folder 3
Box 8, Folder 4	Oversized Life Magazine Articles digitized with Box 4, Folder 4
Box 8, Folder 5	Oversized News Clippings digitized with Box 4, Folders 5-7
Box 8, Folder 6	Oversized News Clippings digitized with Box 4, Folders 11-14
Box OV 9	Oversized Poster for Exhibition Douze Décors de Théâtre par Maud Dale, Galerie J. Allard digitized with Box 4, Folder 17

Series 6: Scrapbooks, circa 1920s-1963

1.2 Linear feet (Box 4, BVs 10-14)

Scope and	Found here are five bound and two disbound scrapbooks, primarily containing printed material about
Contents:	Dale. Two of the scrapbooks also include many photographs of Dale and others, including one of
	Frida Kahlo and Jose Orozco. Titles in parentheses indicate original titles on the scrapbook covers.
	One scrapbook is labeled "MTD," and contains many photographs of Mary Dale before and after
	her marriage to Chester Dale.

Available This series has been digitized in entirety.

Formats:	
Box 4, Folder 21	Scrapbook of Printed Material ("Book I"), 1928-1931Notes:Oversized scrapbook housed in BV 10
Box 4, Folder 22	Scrapbook of Printed Material ("Book II"), 1930-1956Notes:Oversized scrapbook housed in BV 11
Box 4, Folder 23	Scrapbook of Printed Material ("Chester Dale I"), 1930-1958 Notes: Oversized scrapbook housed in BV 12
Box 4, Folder 24	Scrapbook of Printed Material ("Chester Dale II"), 1958-1962Notes:Oversized scrapbook housed in BV 13
Box 4, Folder 25	Scrapbook of Printed Material (1 of 2), 1926-1928
Box 4, Folder 26	Scrapbook of Printed Material (2 of 2), 1926-1928
Box 4, Folder 27	Scrapbook of Photographs and Printed Material (1 of 2), circa 1920s-1962
Box 4, Folder 28	Scrapbook of Photographs and Printed Material (2 of 2), circa 1920s-1962
Box 4, Folder 29	Scrapbook of Printed Material and Photographs ("MTD"), 1952-1963 Notes: Oversized scrapbook housed in BV 14
Box 4, Folder 30	Loose Items from Scrapbooks, 1930s-1960s
Volume 10	Oversized Scrapbook of Printed Material ("Book 1") digitized with Box 4, Folder 21
Volume 11	Oversized Scrapbook of Printed Material ("Book II") digitized with Box 4, Folder 22
Volume 12	Oversized Scrapbook of Printed Material ("Chester Dale I") digitized with Box 4, Folder 23
Volume 13	Oversized Scrapbook of Printed Material ("Chester Dale II") digitized with Box 4, Folder 24

Volume 14

Oversized Scrapbook of Printed Material and Photographs ("MTD") digitized with Box 4, Folder 29

Series 7: Photographs, circa 1883-1972

3.3 Linear feet (Boxes 4-6, 19, BVs 15-17, OV 18)

- Available The bulk of this series has been digitized. Items not digitized include blank versos of photographs, duplicates, negatives and transparencies for which prints exist, and stereo slides of artwork in the Chester Dale collection.
- Arrangement: This series is arranged as two sub-series.
 - 7.1: Photographs of People, Places, and Events, circa 1883-1972
 - 7.2: Photographs of Artwork, circa 1940s-1968

Subseries 7.1: Photographs of People, Places, and Events, circa 1883-1972

Scope and Photographs are of Dale, Mary Dale, and Maud Dale, including a circa 1905 platinum print of Contents: Maud Dale. Also found are photographs of several other family members; friends and business colleagues; multiple events including museum openings, dinners, and parties; Dale's various residences and his collection as it was housed at each residence; and photographs of individual artwork in the Dale collection. Photographs of Dale and Mary Dale include portraits and snapshots by Rudolph Burkhardt, Irving Cantor, Ivan Dmitri, and Dmitri Kessel.

There are photographs of Dale with artists including George Braques, Salvador and Gala Dali, including some taken at the Dali home in Spain, and Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo on Dale's visit to Mexico in the early 1940s. Other photos of identified friends include Renee and Claire Batigne, Robert Sturgis Ingersoll, Paul and Timothy Mellon, and Ed Seay. There are also two photographs of Edith Hamilton, one with Robert Frost; a photo of Mary Dale with Jamie and Nicolas Wyeth; and a photo of Mary Dale with Harry Marinsky.

Photographs of Dale's residences include three photograph albums of separate residences by three different photographers: 20 E. 79 Street, photographed by Samuel H. Gottscho; 54 W. 9th Street photographed by John Wallace Gillies; and 35 E 76 Street photographed by F. S. Lincoln. There are several series of photographs of the interior of Dale's Plaza Hotel apartment, including a series taken by David Douglas Duncan of Dale showing his paintings to Veronica "Rocky" Cooper and Maria Cooper, and a series of photographs of the exterior and interior of a country residence, probably Dale's residence in Southampton, Long Island.

Other photographs show numerous events and exhibitions at the National Gallery and elsewhere, including Dale's presentation of Dali's *The Sacrament of the Last Supper*, the visit of Queen Elizabeth II of England, and the opening of Dale's twentieth century French art collection in 1952.

Available The bulk of this series has been digitized. Items not digitized include blank versos of photographs, duplicates, and negatives and transparencies for which prints exist.

Box 4, Folder 31	Of Dale, 1898-circa 1914
Box 4, Folder 32	Of Dale, circa 1926-circa 1940s Notes: Oversized photographs housed in OV 18
Box 4, Folder 33	Of Dale, circa 1940s-circa 1950s
Box 4, Folder 34	Of Dale, circa 1950s
Box 4, Folder 35	Of Dale, circa 1950-1960

Box 4, Folder 36	Of Dale, circa 1962 Notes: Oversized photos housed in OV 18
Box 4, Folder 37	Of Dale and Mary Dale, circa 1953-circa 1962
Box 4, Folder 38	Of Dale and Mary Dale, circa 1953-circa 1962
Box 4, Folder 39	Of Dale and Mary Dale, circa 1953-circa 1962
Box 4, Folder 40	Of Dale and Mary Dale, circa 1953-circa 1962
Box 4, Folder 41	Of Dale and Mary Dale, 1952-1954
Box 4, Folder 42	Of Dale and Mary Dale, 1956-1957
Box 4, Folder 43	Of Dale and Mary Dale, 1958-1959
Box 4, Folder 44	Of Dale and Mary Dale, 1960-1962
Box 4, Folder 45	Of Dale and Mary Dale, by Ivan Dmitri, 1962-1963
Box 4, Folder 46	Of Dale, Maud (Murray), circa 1905-circa 1946 Notes: Oversized photo housed in OV 18
Box 4, Folder 47	Of Dale, Mary, circa 1933
Box 5, Folder 1	Of Dale, Mary, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 5, Folder 2	Of Dale, Mary, 1960-1972
Box 5, Folder 3	Of Dale's Dog, circa 1950s
Box 5, Folder 4	Of Dale Family, circa 1883, circa 1940s Notes: Oversized photos housed in OV 18
Box 5	Of Artists/Friends
Box 5, Folder 5	Braque, Georges, circa 1940s
Box 5, Folder 6	Dali, Salvador and Gala, 1950s-1960s
Box 5, Folder 7	Kahlo, Frida and Rivera, Diego, circa 1942-circa 1945
Box 5, Folder 8	Of Artists/Friends/Others, circa 1956-circa 1966
Box 5, Folder 9	Of Friends/Others, circa 1930s-circa 1960s Notes: Oversized photo housed in OV 18

Box 5, Folder 10	Of Friends/Others, circa 1943-1967				
Box 5, Folder 11	Of Travel, circa 1940s-circa 1950s				
Box 5	Of Collection and Dale Residences				
Box 5, Folder 12	Apartment, 20 E. 79th Street, New York, N.Y., 1941				
Box 5, Folder 13	Apartment, 20 E. 79th Street, New York, N.Y., Negatives, 1941 Notes: Negatives housed in Box 19				
Box 5, Folder 14	Apartment, 20 E. 79 Street, New York, NY, Photographs Album, 1941Notes:Photograph Album housed as BV 15				
Box 5, Folder 15	Residence at 54 W. 9 Street, New York, NY, Photograph Album, circa 1940s- circa 1950s Notes: Photograph Album housed as BV 16				
Box 5, Folder 16	Residence at 35 E 76 Street, New York, NY, Photograph Album, circa 1940s- circa 1950s Notes: Photograph album housed as BV 17				
Box 5, Folder 17	Apartment at Plaza Hotel, Color Negatives, circa 1950s				
Box 5, Folder 18	Apartment at Plaza Hotel, Color Prints, circa 1962				
Box 5, Folder 19	Apartment at Plaza Hotel, Black and White Prints, circa 1962				
Box 5, Folder 20	Apartment at Plaza Hotel, Color Negatives, circa 1962				
Box 5, Folder 21	Apartment at Plaza Hotel, with Neil MacNeil and Herbert Mayes, circa 1962				
Box 5, Folder 22	Apartment at Plaza Hotel, with Veronica (Rocky) and Maria Cooper, 1962				
Box 5, Folder 23	Apartment at Plaza Hotel, with Veronica (Rocky) and Maria Cooper, 1962				
Box 5, Folder 24	Country Residence, Exterior, 1948-1957				
Box 5, Folder 25	Country Residence, Exterior, circa 1957Notes:Oversized photos housed in OV 18				
Box 5, Folder 26	Country Residence, Interior, circa 1948-circa 1957				
Box 5, Folder 27	Country Residence, Interior, circa 1948-circa 1957				
Box 5, Folder 28	National Gallery of Art Dale Collection Galleries, circa 1960				

Box 5, Folder 29	National Gallery of Art Dale Collection Galleries, circa 1960
Box 5, Folder 30	National Gallery of Art Dale Collection Galleries, circa 1960
Box 5	Of Events and Exhibitions
Box 5, Folder 31	Wildenstein & Co., Inc., Exhibition of Paintings by Boldini, 1933 March
Box 5, Folder 32	Union League Club of New York, Exhibition of American Paintings from Chester Dale Collection, 1937 January
Box 5, Folder 33	Dale Receiving Gari Melchers Gold Medal from Artists' Fellowship, Inc., 1952
Box 5, Folder 34	National Gallery of Art Opening of Dale's Twentieth Century French Art Collection, 1952
Box 5, Folder 35	National Gallery of Art Opening of Dale's Twentieth Century French Art Collection, 1952
Box 5, Folder 36	National Gallery of Art, Salvador Dali's "The Sacrament of the Last Supper", 1956
Box 5, Folder 37	National Gallery of Art, Kress Opening, 15th Anniversary, 1956 March Image(s): National Gallery of Art, Kress Opening
Box 5, Folder 38	National Gallery of Art, Visit of Queen Elizabeth II of England, 1957 October
Box 5, Folder 39	National Gallery of Art Opening, 17th Century French Art Collection, 1959 Image(s): National Gallery of Art Opening
Box 5, Folder 40	National Gallery of Art, George Bellows Exhibition, 1957
Box 5, Folder 41	National Gallery of Art, Winslow Homer Exhibition, 1958
Box 5, Folder 42	Huntington Cairns' Cardoza Lecture at the New York City Bar Association, 1962 November 1
Box 5, Folder 43	Miscellaneous Events, circa 1942-circa 1960
Volume 15	Oversized, Of Collections and Residences, Apartment, 20 E. 79 Street, New York, NY, Photograph Album digitized with Box 5, Folder 14
Volume 16	Oversized, Of Collections and Residences, Residence at 54 W. 9 Street, New York, NY, Photograph Album digitized with Box 5, Folder 15
Volume 17	Oversized, Of Collections and Residences, Residence at 35 E 76 Street, New York, NY, Photograph Album digitized with Box 5, Folder 16

Box OV 18	Oversized, Of Dale digitized with Box 4, Folder 32
Box OV 18	Oversized, Of Dale digitized with Box 4, Folder 36
Box OV 18	Oversized, of Dale, Maud (Murray) digitized with Box 4, Folder 46
Box OV 18	Oversized, of Dale Family, digitized with Box 5, Folder 4
Box OV 18	Oversized, of Friends/Others digitized with Box 5, Folder 6
Box OV 18	Oversized, of Collection and Dale Residences, Country Residence, Exterior digitized with Box 5, Folder 25
Box 19, Folder 1-2	Of Collections and Residences, Apartment, 20 E. 79th Street, New York, N.Y., Negatives from Box 5, Folder 13
	Negatives from Box 5, Folder 13

Subseries 7.2: Photographs of Artwork, circa 1940s-1968

Scope and Contents:	Photos of individual artwork in the Dale collection include portraits of Dale, Mary Dale, and Maud Dale, and a series of Kodachrome and Realist stereo slides of artwork.				
Arrangement:	Following photos of portraits, photographs of artwork are arranged alphabetically by last nan artist. Stereo slides are housed at the end of the series.			ly by last name of	
Available Formats:		ulk of this series has been scanned with the exception of blank versos of photographs ates, and stereo slides.			
Box 5, Folder	44	Portraits of Dale Notes:	e, circa 1940s-circa 1960s Oversized photos housed in OV 18		
Box 5, Folder	45	Portraits of Dale	e and Maud Dale, circa 1940s-circa 1960s		
Box 5, Folder	46	Portraits of Mar	y Dale, 1961-1968		
Box 5, Folder	47	Artists B, Baer-	Blakelock, circa 1950s-circa 1960s		
Box 5, Folder	48	Artists, B: Blum	-Brown, circa 1950s-circa 1960s		
Box 5, Folder	49	Artists, C: Caille	ebotte-Cals, circa 1950s-circa 1960s		
Box 5, Folder	50	Artists, C: Cass	att, circa 1950s-circa 1960s		
Box 5, Folder	51	Artists, C: Cass	att, circa 1950s-circa 1960s		
Box 5, Folder	52	Artists, C: Ceria	-Covarrubias, circa 1950s-circa 1960s		
Box 5, Folder	53	Artists, C: Chav	annes-Couture, circa 1950s-circa 1960s		
Box 5, Folder	54	Artists, D: Dali-I	Daumier, circa 1950s-circa 1960s		

Box 5, Folder 55	Artists, D: Daubigny-De Bruyn, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 5, Folder 56	Artists, D: Degas-Delacroix, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 5, Folder 57	Artists, D: Derain-Drouais, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 5, Folder 58	Artists, D: DuBois-Dufresne, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 1	Artists, D-E: Dufy-Eyck, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 2	Artists, E-F: Eilshemius-Fuller, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 3	Artists, G: Gargaleo-Guillaumin, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 4	Artists, H-K: Hall-Krapil, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 5	Artists, L: Lahaye-Lurcat, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 6	Artists, M: Manet-Matisse, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 7	Artists, M: Meukes-Modigliani, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 8	Artists, M: Monet, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 9	Artists, M: Monticelli-Nonnotte, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 10	Artists, O: Otis-Oudot, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 11	Artists, P: Paradise-Pils, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 12	Artists, P-R: Pisanello-Redon, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 13	Artists, R: Renoir, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 14	Artists, R: Ribot-Ryder, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 15	Artists, S: St. John-Sully, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 16	Artists, T-U: Theus-Utrillo, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 17	Artists, V: Vallon-Van Heinessen, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 18	Artists, V: Verdilhan-Vuillard, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 19	Artists, W: West-Wright, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 20	Artists, Z: Zak-Zurbaran, circa 1950s-circa 1960s

Box 6, Folder 21	Artists, Unidentified, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 6, Folder 22	Stereo Slides, 1950s
Box 6, Folder 23	Stereo Slides, 1950s
Box 6, Folder 24	Stereo Slides, 1950s
Box 6, Folder 25	Stereo Slides, 1950s
Box 6, Folder 26	Stereo Slides, 1950s
Box OV 18	Oversized Photographs of Artwork digitized with Box 5, Folder 44