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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Francis de Erdely papers
Identifier:	AAA.deerfran
Date:	1925-1968
Extent:	3.4 Linear feet
Creator:	De Erdely, Francis, 1904-1959
Language:	Holographic autobiography is in Hungarian. Scrapbook (1925-1934) is in French, Spanish, German, and Hungarian.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1989 by Patricia Weaver, who inherited the papers from Louise Hartman Ronay, the mother of de Erdely's widow, Edith. The English translation of the typescript autobiography was donated by the Huntington Library.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Painter, printmaker; Los Angeles, Calif. Born in Budapest, Hungary. Studied at the Royal Academy of Art in Budapest. Came to United States in 1939. Settled in Los Angeles in 1940. Taught at the Pasadena Art Institute, 1944-1946, and the University of Southern California, 1945-1959.

Scope and Contents

De Erdely's handwritten autobiography, in Hungarian with a typed English translation, describing his years as an art student at the National Academy of Arts, Budapest, from 1919 to 1924; 15 scrapbooks, 1925-1968, containing clippings, exhibition announcements and catalogs, award certificates, 2 photographs of de Erdely in his studio, ca. 1929, de Erdely with jurors, photographs of works, and letters from art organizations regarding competitions and exhibitions; 258 photographs of works including a few portraits of de Erdely; 6 award medals, 1946-1954; award ribbons, 1949-1958; and an address book, ca. 1940.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, Modern -- California
Expatriate painters -- California -- Los Angeles
Figurative art

Occupations:

Art students -- Hungary
Graphic artists -- California
Painters -- California
Painters -- Hungary
Printmakers -- California