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A Finding Aid to the Donald De Lue Drawings, 1925-1983, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Donald De Lue drawings
Date:	1925-1983
Identifier:	AAA.deludona
Creator:	De Lue, Donald, 1897-1988
Extent:	5 Microfilm reels
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Donald De Lue drawings date from 1925 to 1983. Found are preliminary drawings and studies for sculptures, memorials, and medals. Many, but not all, of the drawings are labeled and dated.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The microfilm of the Donald De Lue drawings was donated in 1987 by the Childs Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts.

Location of Originals

Originals owned by the Childs Gallery, Boston, Mass.

Related Materials

Donald De Lue papers also at Syracuse University.

Available Formats

The collection has been microfilmed on reels 3941-3945. The microfilm has been digitized and is available on the Archives of American Art website.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Donald De Lue (1897-1988) was a sculptor in Boston, Massachusetts, best known for his public monuments.

Born Donald H. Quigley, the artist took the name De Lue in 1918 from the maternal side of his family. He studied with Bela Pratt at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and also trained in the studios of sculptors including Richard Recchia, Robert P. Baker, and Alfredo Pena who he studied with in France.

From the late 1930s-1980s De Lue probably executed more monumental commissions than anyone else of his generation. Among his works are *Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves* for the Omaha Beach Memorial in France.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Due to the pre-existing microfilm arrangement, the collection is arranged as one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

Drawings

Occupations:

Sculptors -- Massachusetts -- Boston

Container Listing

Series 1: Drawings, 1925-1983

Scope and Contents: Found are drawings and studies for projects and commissions of sculpture, memorials, and medals. An index to the drawings is found at the beginning of the series.

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