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Louisa Dresser manuscript on 17th
century painting in New England

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Louisa Dresser manuscript on 17th century painting in New England
Date:	1934-1935
Identifier:	AAA.dreslou
Creator:	Campbell, Louisa Dresser, 1907-1989
Extent:	0.2 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1992 by Frances Herron, Louisa Dresser's sister.

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

Art administrator; museum curator; art historian; Worcester, Mass. Died 1989. Joined the staff of the Worcester Art Museum in 1932 as an associate in Decorative Arts. She later became curator of the collections, and also served as acting director. Dresser retired in 1972.

Scope and Contents

Carbon of the manuscript of a catalogue for an exhibition "Seventeenth Century Painting in New England," compiled and edited by Dresser for an exhibition held at the Worcester Art Museum in collaboration with the American Antiquarian Society, July-August 1934. Included are a report by Alan Burroughs on X-ray examination of the paintings on exhibit and a letter from Dresser to William C. Endicott asking for his "criticisms and corrections." The manuscript, published in 1935 by the Worcester Art Museum, is missing front matter and illustrations. Some pencil notations, presumably by Endicott, appear in the entry on Governor John Endecott.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Portrait painting
Women art historians
Women arts administrators
Women museum curators

Names:

Burroughs, Alan
Endicott, William Crowninshield, 1860-1936

Occupations:

Art historians -- Massachusetts -- Worcester
Arts administrators -- Massachusetts -- Worcester
Museum curators -- Massachusetts -- Worcester