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A Finding Aid to the Nancy Dryfoos Papers, 1955-1976, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Nancy Dryfoos papers
Date:	1955-1976
Identifier:	AAA.dryfnanc
Creator:	Dryfoos, Nancy Proskauer, 1918-1991
Extent:	0.2 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The scattered papers of sculptor Nancy Dryfoos measure 0.2 linear feet and date from 1955 to 1976. Found are biographical material, correspondence, photographs, printed material, and a dismantled clippings scrapbook.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated in 1978 by Nancy Dryfoos.

Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2022 with support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

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Biographical / Historical

Nancy Proskauer Dryfoos (1918-1991) was a sculptor active in New York City, New York, who worked primarily with stone and terracotta. She studied at the Columbia University School of Architecture and at the Art Students League. Dryfoos's work can be found in the permanent collections of many museums.

Scope and Contents

The scattered papers of sculptor Nancy Dryfoos measure 0.2 linear feet and date from 1955 to 1976. Found are biographical material, correspondence including with Maurice Hexter, photographs, printed material, and a dismantled clippings scrapbook.

Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Scrapbooks
- Women artists
- Women sculptors

Names:

- Hexter, Maurice Beck, 1891-

Occupations:

- Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York

Container Listing

Series 1: Nancy Dryfoos Papers, 1955-1976

0.2 Linear feet (Box 1)

Scope and Contents: Biographical material includes awards, scattered price lists of works of art, and resumes. Correspondence is with institutions and others including Maurice Hexter and Maryvonne Rosse. Photographs depict Dryfoos, Dryfoos with others, exhibitions, and works of art. Printed materials include exhibition announcements and catalogs and clippings. Also found is a dismantled scrapbook of clippings documenting the early years of Dryfoos's career.

Box 1, Folder 1	Biographical Material, 1964-1970
Box 1, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1958-1974
Box 1, Folder 3	Photographs, circa 1956-1972
Box 1, Folder 4	Printed Material, Clippings and Periodicals, 1970-1972
Box 1, Folder 5	Printed Material, Exhibition Announcements and Catalogs, 1956-1976
Box 1, Folder 6	Scrapbook, Dismantled, 1955-1956

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