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Collection of Artists' Letters and Ephemera,  
1807-1946, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b> | Archives of American Art  |
| <b>Title:</b>      | Albert Duveen collection of artists' letters and ephemera   |
| <b>Identifier:</b> | AAA.duvealbe  |
| <b>Date:</b>       | 1807-1946   |
| <b>Extent:</b>     | 1.1 Linear feet   |
| <b>Creator:</b>    | Duveen, Albert  |
| <b>Language:</b>   | The collection is in English.   |
| <b>Summary:</b>    | The Albert Duveen collection of artists' letters and ephemera measures 1.1 linear feet and dates from 1807 to 1946. Unrelated letters written by over 170 mostly 19th and early 20th century American artists are found in this compiled collection of art critic, dealer, and collector Albert Duveen. Additional ephemera includes printed material and photographs of artwork. |

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The Albert Duveen collection of artists' letters and ephemera was purchased from Duveen by the Archives of American Art in February 1956.

### Related Materials

The Archives holds a microfilm copy of the Albert Duveen art reference files and a lecture, "An Art Dealer is Intrigued by American Folk Art," delivered by Albert Duveen, March 4, 1961.

### Available Formats

The collection is available on 35 mm microfilm reels DDU1, D9, D10, and NDU-1-5 at the Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan. Researchers should note that the arrangement of the material described in the container inventory does not reflect the arrangement of the collection on microfilm.

### Processing Information

The letters were microfilmed shortly after receipt onto reels DDU1, D9-D10, and NDU-1-5. A finding aid was prepared by Judy Ng in 2013 with funding provided by the Terra Foundation for American Art.

### Preferred Citation

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## Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

Art critic, collector, and dealer Albert Duveen (1892-1965) lived and worked in New York City, New York. He is known for his expertise in early American art and was a cousin to Joseph Duveen, president of Duveen Brothers art dealers.

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## Scope and Contents

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Found are letters from artists Albert Bierstadt, Frederic E. Church, Frederick S. Church, Henry Inman, Constant Mayer, Jervis McEntee, Henry Mosler, Frederick Law Olmstead, Rembrandt Peale, Albert Rosenthal, and many others. Printed materials include catalog inventories of public and private art collections. There are also brochure booklets on New England historical houses and towns. Photographs are duplicate copies of early American artwork from Duveen's personal reference files.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged as 3 series.

- Series 1: Letters, 1808-1910 (0.8 linear feet; Box 1)
- Series 2: Printed material, circa 1909-1946 (4 folders; Box 1, OV 2)
- Series 3: Photographs, circa 1808-1910 (3 folders; Box 1)

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Artists -- United States  
Collectors and collecting

Names:

Bierstadt, Albert, 1830-1902  
Church, Frederic Edwin, 1826-1900  
Church, Frederick S. (Frederick Stuart), 1842-1924  
Inman, Henry, 1801-1846  
Mayer, Constant, 1829-1911  
McEntee, Jervis, 1828-1891  
Mosler, Henry, 1841-1920  
Olmsted, Frederick Law, 1822-1903  
Peale, Rembrandt, 1778-1860  
Rosenthal, Albert, 1863-1939

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Letters, 1808-1910

#### *0.8 Linear feet (Box 1)*

Letters are written by over 170 early American artists, including Albert Bierstadt, Frederic E. Church, Frederick S. Church, Constant Mayer, Henry Mosler, Frederick Law Olmsted, Albert Rosenthal, and Anne Whitney. Two letters of interest by Henry Inman and Rembrandt Peale describe opinions on their work and the works of others. There are also letters related to the John Trumbull estate; miscellaneous printed items included with letters; and a selection of letters written by European artists.

Letters are arranged alphabetically by surname followed by letters from foreign and miscellaneous artists.

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| Box 1, Folder 1   | Avery, Samuel Putnam, circa 1808-1910     |
| Box 1, Folder 2   | Beckwith, Carroll, circa 1917             |
| Box 1, Folder 3-5 | Bierstadt, Albert, circa 1869-1893        |
| Box 1, Folder 6   | Blashfield, Edwin Howland, circa 1893     |
| Box 1, Folder 7   | Bosworth, William Welles, circa 1933      |
| Box 1, Folder 8   | Boughton, George Henry, circa 1894-1900   |
| Box 1, Folder 9   | Bridgman, Frederick Arthur, 1893-1900     |
| Box 1, Folder 10  | Buttre, John Chester, 1865                |
| Box 1, Folder 11  | Champney, James Wells, circa 1890-1895    |
| Box 1, Folder 12  | Chapman, John Gadsby, 1834-1885           |
| Box 1, Folder 13  | Church, Frederic Edwin, circa 1864-1886   |
| Box 1, Folder 14  | Church, Frederick Stuart, circa 1882-1920 |
| Box 1, Folder 15  | Cole, Timothy, 1915-1917                  |
| Box 1, Folder 16  | Crane, Bruce, 1899-1900                   |
| Box 1, Folder 17  | Cropsey, Jasper Francis, 1855-1892        |
| Box 1, Folder 18  | Ezekiel, Sir Moses Jacob, 1910-1913       |

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| Box 1, Folder 19 | Fairman, James, 1875-1876               |
| Box 1, Folder 20 | Fay, Gaston, 1869                       |
| Box 1, Folder 21 | Feke, Robert, circa 1808-1910           |
| Box 1, Folder 22 | Fenn, Henry, 1883                       |
| Box 1, Folder 23 | Fosdick, James William, circa 1808-1910 |
| Box 1, Folder 24 | Fournier, Alexis Jean, 1910             |
| Box 1, Folder 25 | French, Edwin Davis, 1896               |
| Box 1, Folder 26 | Gibson, William Hamilton, 1880-1893     |
| Box 1, Folder 27 | Gould, Thomas Ridgeway, 1880            |
| Box 1, Folder 28 | Greatorrex, Eliza, circa 1874           |
| Box 1, Folder 29 | Greenough, Horatio, 1831                |
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| Box 1, Folder 31 | Grosvenor, Thelma C., circa 1808-1910   |
| Box 1, Folder 32 | Hartley, Jonathan Scott, 1895-1903      |
| Box 1, Folder 33 | Hays, William Jacob, Sr., 1859          |
| Box 1, Folder 34 | Heade, Martin Johnson, circa 1808-1910  |
| Box 1, Folder 35 | Healy, George P.A., circa 1891          |
| Box 1, Folder 36 | Hennessy, William John, circa 1808-1910 |
| Box 1, Folder 37 | Herrick, H.W., 1876                     |
| Box 1, Folder 38 | Herter, Albert, circa 1808-1910         |
| Box 1, Folder 39 | Hill, J. Henry, 1883                    |

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| Box 1, Folder 40    | Hillern, Bertha, 1885  |
| Box 1, Folder 41    | Huntley, Samantha L., 1909   |
| Box 1, Folder 42    | Inman, Henry, 1838   |
| Box 1, Folder 43    | Kappes, Alfred, 1894   |
| Box 1, Folder 44    | Kaufmann, Theodore, 1886   |
| Box 1, Folder 45    | Keith, Dora Wheeler, 1884  |
| Box 1, Folder 46    | Kitchell, Joseph Gray, 1899  |
| Box 1, Folder 47    | Knight, Daniel Ridgway, circa 1911-1922  |
| Box 1, Folder 48    | La Farge, John, 1894   |
| Box 1, Folder 49    | Lambdin, James Reid, 1872  |
| Box 1, Folder 50-53 | Lanman, Abigail Trumbull, 1807-1844<br>Includes material on John Trumbull and the Trumbull estate. |
| Box 1, Folder 54    | Leslie, Charles R., circa 1815-1851  |
| Box 1, Folder 55    | Leutze, Emanuel, 1852-1864   |
| Box 1, Folder 56    | Lie, Jonas, 1897   |
| Box 1, Folder 57    | Linen, George, 1848  |
| Box 1, Folder 58    | Lippincott, William Henry, 1859  |
| Box 1, Folder 59    | Lock, Frederick W., 1849   |
| Box 1, Folder 60    | Longacre, James Barton, 1862   |
| Box 1, Folder 61    | Longpré, Paul, 1902  |
| Box 1, Folder 62    | Low, Mary Fairchild, 1885  |
| Box 1, Folder 63    | Low, Will Hicox, 1877-1909   |



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| Box 1, Folder 64    | Lumley, Arthur, 1912                      |
| Box 1, Folder 65    | Lupton, Thomas Goff, circa 1808-1910      |
| Box 1, Folder 66    | MacDonald, James Wilson, 1872-1886        |
| Box 1, Folder 67    | Matthews, William, 1856                   |
| Box 1, Folder 68-69 | Mayer, Constant, circa 1808-1910          |
| Box 1, Folder 70    | Mayer, Frank Blackwell, 1865              |
| Box 1, Folder 71    | McArthur, John, 1889                      |
| Box 1, Folder 72    | McCord, George Herbert, 1886              |
| Box 1, Folder 73    | McCutcheon, John Tinney, circa 1903       |
| Box 1, Folder 74    | McEntee, Jervis, 1845-1888                |
| Box 1, Folder 75    | McKenzie, Robert Tait, 1906               |
| Box 1, Folder 76    | Middleton, Stanley Grant, circa 1808-1910 |
| Box 1, Folder 77    | Mignot, Louis Remy, 1857                  |
| Box 1, Folder 78    | Miller, Alfred Jacob, 1852                |
| Box 1, Folder 79    | Millet, Francis Davis, circa 1884-1912    |
| Box 1, Folder 80    | Moran, Edward, 1901                       |
| Box 1, Folder 81    | Moran, Peter, 1877-1901                   |
| Box 1, Folder 82    | Morgan, Matthew, circa 1808-1910          |
| Box 1, Folder 83    | Mosler, Henry, circa 1880-1903            |
| Box 1, Folder 84    | Mowbray, Harry Siddons, circa 1893        |
| Box 1, Folder 85    | Muller, Karl, 1869                        |
| Box 1, Folder 86    | Mulvany, John, 1873                       |

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| Box 1, Folder 87    | O'Connor, Andrew, 1918                    |
| Box 1, Folder 88    | Oertel, Johannes Adam Simon, 1858-1905    |
| Box 1, Folder 89-90 | Olmstead, Frederick Law, 1862-1890        |
| Box 1, Folder 91    | Opper, Frederick Burr, 1901-1917          |
| Box 1, Folder 92    | Page, Fred B., 1846                       |
| Box 1, Folder 93    | Page, William, 1852-1871                  |
| Box 1, Folder 94    | Palmer, Erastus D., 1847-1885             |
| Box 1, Folder 95    | Palmer, John E., circa 1873               |
| Box 1, Folder 96    | Palmer, Walter Launt, 1899-1908           |
| Box 1, Folder 97    | Paris, Walter, circa 1808-1910            |
| Box 1, Folder 98    | Parrish, Randall, 1911-1912               |
| Box 1, Folder 99    | Partridge, William Ordway, 1911           |
| Box 1, Folder 100   | Pease, Joseph Ives, 1842                  |
| Box 1, Folder 101   | Peixotto, Ernest C., 1930                 |
| Box 1, Folder 102   | Perry, 1881                               |
| Box 1, Folder 103   | Persico, Luigi, 1836-1844                 |
| Box 1, Folder 104   | Pfeiffer, Emily, circa 1808-1910          |
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| Box 1, Folder 108   | Raffaelli, Jean Francios, circa 1808-1910 |

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| Box 1, Folder 114 | Robbins, Horace Wolcott, 1860               |
| Box 1, Folder 115 | Robinson, Anna, circa 1808-1910             |
| Box 1, Folder 116 | Robinson, Theodore, 1886                    |
| Box 1, Folder 117 | Rogers, John, circa 1862-1871               |
| Box 1, Folder 118 | Rogers, Randolph, 1863-1874                 |
| Box 1, Folder 119 | Rogers, William Allen, 1889-1928            |
| Box 1, Folder 120 | Rosenthal, Albert, 1886-1913                |
| Box 1, Folder 121 | Rossiter, Thomas Pritchard, 1860-1863       |
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| Box 1, Folder 125 | Sanderson, Charles Wesley, 1879             |
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| Box 1, Folder 127 | Satterlee, Walter, circa 1808-1910          |
| Box 1, Folder 128 | Schoff, Stephen Alonzo, 1891                |
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| Box 1, Folder 131 | Shattuck, Aaron Draper, circa 1856       |
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| Box 1, Folder 133 | Snell, Henry Bayley, 1897                |
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| Box 1, Folder 145 | Taylor, Henry Fitch, 1885                |
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| Box 1, Folder 154 | Van Boskerck, Robert Ward, 1882                  |
| Box 1, Folder 155 | Van Elten, Hendrick Dirk Kruseman, 1892          |
| Box 1, Folder 156 | Van Laer, Alexander Theobald, 1901               |
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| Box 1, Folder 169 | White, G. Harlow, 1883                           |
| Box 1, Folder 170 | Whitman, Sarah de St. Prix, 1884                 |
| Box 1, Folder 171 | Whitney, Anne, circa 1878-1914                   |
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| Box 1, Folder 191        | Miscellaneous T-V, 1860-1891                     |
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## Series 2: Printed Material, circa 1909-1946

### *4 Folders (Box 1, OV 2)*

Printed materials include catalog inventories of the following public and private art collections: the Bucks County Historical Society, the Lee Museum, J. Horace Harding, William Penn, and George Taylor. There are also brochure booklets on the historical towns of Cooperstown, Greenfield Village, South Haven, Yorktown, and Gloucester.

Materials are arranged by document type.

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| Box 1, Folder<br>195-197 | Miscellaneous Printed Material, circa 1909-1946                                |
| Box 1, Folder 198        | Print of Black Stallion, circa 1808-1910<br>Oversized material housed in OV 2. |
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## Series 3: Photographs, circa 1808-1910

### *3 Folders (Box 1)*

Photographs are duplicate copies of early American artwork from Duveen's personal reference files. These include portraits, cityscapes, landscapes, still lifes, and abstract paintings.

Materials are arranged by subject matter.

Box 1, Folder  
199-201

Duplicates From Duveen's Reference Files, circa 1808-1910

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