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A Finding Aid to the Albert Duveen Collection of Artists' Letters and Ephemera, 1807-1946, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Albert Duveen collection of artists' letters and ephemera
Date:	1807-1946
Identifier:	AAA.duvealbe
Creator:	Duveen, Albert
Extent:	1.1 Linear feet
Language:	The collection is in English.
Summary:	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.

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.

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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.

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.

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

Container Listing

Series 1: Letters, 1808-1910

0.8 Linear feet (Box 1)

Scope and Contents: 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.

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

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

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	Greatorex, Eliza, circa 1874
Box 1, Folder 29	Greenough, Horatio, 1831
Box 1, Folder 30	Gregory, Frank M., 1882
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
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 Notes: 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
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
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
Box 1, Folder 105	Pike, William, 1918
Box 1, Folder 106	Powell, William Henry, 1853
Box 1, Folder 107	Powers, Hiram, 1844-1873
Box 1, Folder 108	Raffaelli, Jean Francios, circa 1808-1910
Box 1, Folder 109	Ranger, Henry Ward, 1893-1901
Box 1, Folder 110	Reid, Robert, circa 1808-1910
Box 1, Folder 111	Rhead, Louis John, circa 1888-1893
Box 1, Folder 112	Richards, Thomas Addison, 1890
Box 1, Folder 113	Ripley, Robert Leroy, circa 1930-1936
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
Box 1, Folder 122	Rothermel, Peter Frederick, 1873-1886
Box 1, Folder 123	Ruckstuhl, Frederic Wellington, 1904
Box 1, Folder 124	Saint-Gaudens, Augustus, 1884
Box 1, Folder 125	Sanderson, Charles Wesley, 1879
Box 1, Folder 126	Sarony, Napoleon, 1892
Box 1, Folder 127	Satterlee, Walter, circa 1808-1910
Box 1, Folder 128	Schoff, Stephen Alonzo, 1891
Box 1, Folder 129	Scott, Emily Maria Spaford, circa 1808-1910
Box 1, Folder 130	Selinger, Jean Paul, circa 1808-1910
Box 1, Folder 131	Shattuck, Aaron Draper, circa 1856
Box 1, Folder 132	Smillie, George Henry, 1892
Box 1, Folder 133	Snell, Henry Bayley, 1897
Box 1, Folder 134	Sonntag, William Louis, 1860-1886
Box 1, Folder 135	Sterner, Albert Edward, circa 1808-1910
Box 1, Folder 136	Stetson, Charles Walter, 1884
Box 1, Folder 137	Stewart, Julius L., 1888
Box 1, Folder 138	Stone, Horatio, 1856-1860
Box 1, Folder 139	Story, George Henry, 1887-1903
Box 1, Folder 140	Story, William Wetmore, circa 1879-1883
Box 1, Folder 141	Stout, James Varick, 1846
Box 1, Folder 142	Strother, David Hunter, circa 1808-1910

Box 1, Folder 143	Taft, Lorado, circa 1808-1910
Box 1, Folder 144	Tait, Arthur Fitzwilliam, 1855-1890
Box 1, Folder 145	Taylor, Henry Fitch, 1885
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Box 1, Folder 149	Tilton, John Rollin, circa 1808-1910
Box 1, Folder 150	Turcas, Jules, 1906
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Box 1, Folder 153	Valentine, Edward Virginius, 1884
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
Box 1, Folder 157	Volk, Douglas, circa 1808-1910
Box 1, Folder 158	Volkmar, Charles, 1905
Box 1, Folder 159	Vos, J. Hubert, 1894
Box 1, Folder 160	Walcutt, William, 1851-1853
Box 1, Folder 161	Waldon, Lionel, 1915
Box 1, Folder 162	Walker, James, 1882
Box 1, Folder 163	Walter, Thomas Ustick, 1844-1885
Box 1, Folder 164	Waterman, Marcus, 1897
Box 1, Folder 165	Waugh, Ida, 1882
Box 1, Folder 166	Weeks, Edwin Lord, circa 1808-1910

Box 1, Folder 167	Weir, Harrison William, 1878
Box 1, Folder 168	Weir, Robert Walter, 1835-1869
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
Box 1, Folder 172	Whittemore, William John, 1886
Box 1, Folder 173	Whittredge, Worthington, 1862-1908
Box 1, Folder 174	Wiggins, Carleton, 1903
Box 1, Folder 175	Wiles, Irving Ramsay, 1913
Box 1, Folder 176	Williams, George Alfred, 1899
Box 1, Folder 177	Wilmarth, Lemuel Everett, 1886
Box 1, Folder 178	Winterburn, George T., 1916
Box 1, Folder 179	Worth, Thomas, 1876
Box 1, Folder 180	Wust, Alexander, 1862
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Box 1, Folder 183	Zimmerman, Eugène, 1896-1902
Box 1, Folder 184-186	Foreign Artists, circa 1814-1908
Box 1, Folder 187	Miscellaneous A-G, 1845-1891
Box 1, Folder 188	Miscellaneous H-L, circa 1817-1929
Box 1, Folder 189	Miscellaneous M-O, circa 1886-1925
Box 1, Folder 190	Miscellaneous P-S, circa 1867-1892
Box 1, Folder 191	Miscellaneous T-V, 1860-1891
Box 1, Folder 192	Miscellaneous W, circa 1858-1910

Box 1, Folder 193	Miscellaneous Letters, 1847-1914
Box 1, Folder 194	Miscellaneous Letters and Items, circa 1808-1910

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Series 2: Printed Material, circa 1909-1946

4 Folders (Box 1, OV 2)

Scope and Contents: 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.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by document type.

Box 1, Folder 195-197 Miscellaneous Printed Material, circa 1909-1946

Box 1, Folder 198 Print of Black Stallion, circa 1808-1910
Notes: Oversized material housed in OV 2.

Oversize 2 Oversize Print of Black Stallion from Box 1, Folder 198, circa 1808-1910

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Series 3: Photographs, circa 1808-1910

3 Folders (Box 1)

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

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by subject matter.

Box 1, Folder 199-201 Duplicates From Duveen's Reference Files, circa 1808-1910

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