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Eagle's Nest Art Colony photographs

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Eagle's Nest Art Colony photographs
Identifier:	AAA.eaglnest
Date:	[ca. 1897-1936]
Extent:	37 Items ((on partial microfilm reel))
Creator:	Eagle's Nest Art Colony
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1987 by the Taft Branch Library, Northern Illinois University, Oregon, Illinois.

Location of Originals

Originals in: Taft Branch Library and Northern Illinois Regional History Center, Northern Illinois University, Oregon, Illinois.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 4180 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Eagle's Nest Colony was established in 1897 as a summer home by a group of Chicago artists and writers led by Lorado Taft. Artists Ralph Clarkson, Nellie V. Walker, Charles Francis Browne, and Oliver Dennett Grover; writers Hamlin Garland and Henry Blake Fuller; poet Harriet Monroe, and architects Allen and Irving Pond were among the residents who shared 13 acres of forest on a Rock River bluff. The campers staged outdoor plays, lectured, and contributed paintings to exhibitions at the local library. Lorenzo Taft's "Black Hawk," a reinforced concrete sculpture, was a gift to the colony. Taft's 1936 death ended the colony and the camp was acquired by Northern Illinois State Teachers College (now Northern Illinois University) in 1950.

Scope and Contents

Black and white photographs copied from original lantern slides and photographs include portraits of many colonists, the interiors and exteriors of their cabins and group pictures of costumed campers in pageants and processions.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Artist colonies -- Illinois

Names:

Browne, Charles Francis, 1859-1920

Clarkson, Ralph, 1861-1942

Grover, Oliver Dennett, 1861-1927

Taft, Lorado, 1860-1936