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A Finding Aid to the Research Material on John F.
Francis, 1961-1991, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Research material on John F. Francis
Date:	1961-1991
Identifier:	AAA.etchw
Creator:	Etchison, W. Richard
Extent:	0.01 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	Research material on portraits by John F. Francis (1808-1886) measure 0.01 linear feet and date from 1961 to 1991. The collection mostly consists of photographs of portraits by John F. Francis along with notes, letters to art historian W. Richard Etchison describing the photographs, and a small amount of printed material. The items were originally in a scrapbook.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The research material on John F. Francis was donated to the Archives of American Art by Josephine Etchison, the aunt of W. Richard Etchison, in 1991.

Available Formats

Portions of the collection are available on 35mm microfilm reel 4909 (fr. 1221-1284) 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 collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Rihoko Ueno in 2024.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

W. Richard Etchison was an art historian who was born in Frederick, Maryland. John F. Francis (1808-1886) was a painter and silhouettist who was born in Philadelphia and worked in many Pennsylvania towns.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

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

- Series 1: Research material on John F. Francis, 1961-1991 (Folder 1; 46 Items)
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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:

Portrait painting -- 19th century -- United States

Names:

Francis, John F., 1808-1886

Occupations:

Art historians -- Maryland -- Frederick
Portrait painters -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia

Container Listing

Series 1: Research Material on John F. Francis, 1961-1991

46 Items (Folder 1)

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Folder 1 Research Material on John F. Francis, 1961-1991, 1961-1991

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