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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Ken Ferguson papers
Date:	1978-2004
Identifier:	AAA.ferguken
Creator:	Ferguson, Ken, 1928-2004
Extent:	0.4 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated in 2021 by Gertrude Ferguson, Ken Ferguson's widow.

Restrictions

This collection is open for research. Access to original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center. Researchers interested in accessing audiovisual recordings in this collection must use access copies. Contact References Services for more information.

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Biographical / Historical

Ken Ferguson (1928-2004) was a ceramicist and teacher in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. He served in prominent positions in his field, including manager of the Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts and Head of the Ceramics Department at Kansas City Institute of Art.

Scope and Contents

The Ken Ferguson papers measure 0.4 linear feet and date from 1978-2004. Included is correspondence primarily with peers and students in the field of ceramics, including prominent artists such as Akio Takamori; two sketchbooks that provide key insights into the development of Ferguson's hallmark forms and vessels; and a memorial video.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

American studio craft movement

Types of Materials:

Sketchbooks
Video recordings

Names:

Archie Bray Foundation
Takamori, Akio, 1950-

Occupations:

Ceramicists -- Kansas