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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Gerald S. Foster papers
Date:	1930-1982
Identifier:	AAA.fostgera
Creator:	Foster, Gerald Sargent, 1900-
Extent:	0.2 Items (linear ft.(58 items))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1986 by Gerald Foster.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 3894 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Muralist, painter, illustrator. Died 1987. Studied at Princeton, at the National Academy of Design, and at the Art Students League. Worked for the Section of Painting and Sculpture of the Treasury Department. His post office mural in Freehold, N.J. made a favorable impression on Roosevelt, who encouraged him in his work on another mural in Pougkeepsie, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

Papers concerning murals by Foster, including a letter, 1938, and memo, 1937, from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Edward Bruce regarding Foster's murals for the post office in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (completed under the Section of Painting and Sculpture of the Treasury Department, 1938).

Scope and Contents

Also includes clippings and photographs concerning Foster's W.P.A. post office murals in Cranford, Freehold, and Millburn, N.J., and in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; and an autobiographical speech about portrait painting, "Reflections of an Artist," 1982.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Muralists

Names:

Bruce, Edward, 1879-1943
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945