



Smithsonian

Archives of American Art

Selected art related letters from
the Benjamin Franklin papers

Archives of American Art
750 9th Street, NW
Victor Building, Suite 2200
Washington, D.C. 20001
<https://www.aaa.si.edu/services/questions>
<https://www.aaa.si.edu/>

Table of Contents

Collection Overview	1
Administrative Information	1
Scope and Contents.....	1
Names and Subjects	1
Container Listing	

Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Selected art related letters from the Benjamin Franklin papers
Date:	1766-1789
Identifier:	AAA.franbenj
Creator:	Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790
Extent:	1 Item (partial microfilm reel)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming by the American Philosophical Society, 1955.

Location of Originals

Originals in the American Philosophical Society

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel P37 (fr. 506-543) available for use 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.

Scope and Contents

Letters to Benjamin Franklin from artists or about art related subjects, including busts, engravings, and portraits of Franklin. Among the correspondents are: Jacob W. Duche, William Temple Franklin, Jean Antonine Houdon, John Jay, Samuel Jennings, Thomas Potts, David Rittenhouse, Philip Syng, John Trumbull, Benjamin West, and Patience Wright. Also included are letters to William Temple Franklin from Jean Jacques Caffieri, Jean Antonine Houdon, and Joseph Wright.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, American

Names:

Caffieri, Jean-Jacques, 1725-1792
Franklin, William Temple, 1760-1823
Houdon, Jean Antoine, 1741-1828
Rittenhouse, David, 1732-1796
Syng, Philip, 1703-1789
Trumbull, John, 1756-1843
West, Benjamin, 1738-1820
Wright, Patience Lovell, 1725-1786

Occupations:

Artists -- United States