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John Robinson Frazier papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	John Robinson Frazier papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.frazjohn
<b>Date:</b>	1920-1969
<b>Extent:</b>	1.52 Linear feet ((partially microfilmed on 1 reel))
<b>Creator:</b>	Frazier, John Robinson, 1889-1966
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Unmicrofilmed material donated in 1972 by Mrs. John R. Frazier, Frazier's widow. Slides lent 1973 by Gordon Peers, a former colleague of Frazier; typescript on reel 2804 donated 1975 by Peers.

### Location of Originals

Slides: Originals returned to lender, Gordon F. Peers, after copying.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 1817 and 2804 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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Art school director, painter, and lithographer; Providence, R.I. President of Rhode Island School of Design, 1955-1962.

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence, slides, typescripts of writings, and printed materials.

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REEL 2804: A photocopy of an incomplete typescript, "History of the Rhode Island School of Design Museum," by Frazier, ca. 1965, including photocopies of his notes for this study.

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UNMICROFILMED: Correspondence, mostly routine and relating to Frazier's exhibitions and sales, including 1 letter from John Singer Sargent concerning an exhibit and the sale of a watercolor by Frazier to Sargent, and several letters from Edwin Dickinson; photographs of Frazier, group photos, and works of art; and speeches and writings relating to his teaching career and presidency of RISD. Also included are copies of slides of works found in Frazier's studio after his death and of an exhibition of his works held in Newport, R.I., 1969.

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## Bibliography

Archives of American Art Journal, 1973, v. 13, no. 1, p. 30.

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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:

Art -- Study and teaching -- Rhode Island -- Providence  
Painting, American -- Rhode Island -- Providence

Types of Materials:

Drawings

Names:

Dickinson, Edwin Walter, 1891-1978  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Sargent, John Singer, 1856-1925

Occupations:

Art school directors -- Rhode Island -- Providence

Functions:

Art Schools -- Rhode Island -- Providence