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Leonid and Ethel Gechtoff papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Leonid and Ethel Gechtoff papers
Date:	1918-1958
Identifier:	AAA.gechleon
Creator:	Gechtoff, Leonid, 1883-1941 Gechtoff, Ethel
Extent:	0.2 Items (linear ft. (on partial microfilm reel))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The donor, Sonia Gechtoff, is the daughter of Leonid and Ethel Gechtoff, and also a painter.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 2346 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

Leonid Gechtoff was a Russian landscape painter who emigrated to this country in 1922; settling in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1923, where he remained until his death in 1941. His wife Ethel Gechtoff ran a Gallery in San Francisco 1956-1958.

Scope and Contents

Letters recieved, including several from J. Edgar Hoover concerning a painting by Leonid Gechtoff, 1935-1938; two autographed photographs of Hoover; photographs of Leonid Gechtoff and his work; a scrapbook, ca. 1918-1929, containing letters, photographs, exhibition catalogs, clippings and printed miscellany; naturalization papers for Ethel Gechtoff; and material concerning her East & West Gallery in San Francisco, 1956-1958, including leases, exhibition announcements, clippings, and a price list for works of art.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Expatriate painters -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
Women art dealers
Women art dealers -- California -- San Francisco

Types of Materials:

Scrapbooks

Names:

East & West Gallery (San Francisco, Calif.)
Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972

Occupations:

Gallery directors -- California -- San Francisco
Landscape painters -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
Painters -- Pennsylvania
Painters -- Soviet Union