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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives of American Art |
| Title: | Paula Gerard papers |
| Date: | 1885-1989 |
| Identifier: | AAA.gerapaul |
| Creator: | Gerard, Paula, 1907-1991 |
| Extent: | 7.7 Linear feet |
| Language: | Some letters, writings and printed material in Italian. |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1990 by Paula Gerard Renison.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Painter, printmaker, teacher; Chicago, Ill. Born in Italy to writer Helen Gerard, Italian representative to the American Federation of Art and contributor to the American Magazine of Art, International Studio and other art publications. Paula began her study of art in Italy and continued in the U.S. at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She taught at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Layton School of Art in Milwaukee and at the Midway Studios at the University of Chicago.

Scope and Contents

Resumes, correspondence with Barbara Aubin, Mary Berenson, Claude Bentley, Lillian Garrett, Douglas Olson, Susan Schwalb and others, 1910-1989; art works, including many loose sketches, sketchbooks and Christmas cards from friends; untitled sound recording; clippings, exhibition catalogs; blank postcards; a scrapbook on Gerard's exhibitions, 1930-1979; travel diaries, 1918-1938; writings on and by Gerard; and teaching and class notes. Also included are 0.4 ft. of the papers of Paula's mother, Helen Gerard, including correspondence and writings, 1885-1935.

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 -- Illinois -- Chicago
Women artists

Types of Materials:

Sound recordings

Names:

Art Institute of Chicago
Art Institute of Chicago. School
Aubin, Barbara, 1928-2014
Bentley, Claude Ronald, 1915-
Berenson, Mary, 1864-
Garrett, Lillian
Gerard, Helen, 1861-1938
Olson, Douglas John, 1934-
Schwalb, Susan, 1944-

Occupations:

Graphic artists -- Illinois -- Chicago