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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	R. Swain Gifford papers
Date:	1860-1965
Identifier:	AAA.giffr
Creator:	Gifford, R. Swain (Robert Swain), 1840-1905
Extent:	515 Items ((on 2 microfilm reels))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The lender, Mrs Philip Dechert, is the granddaughter of R. Swain Gifford, and inherited the material.

Location of Originals

Originals returned to lender, Mrs. Philip Dechert, after microfilming.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 594-595 available 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.

Biographical / Historical

Etcher, watercolorist; New England, and Alaska.

Scope and Contents

Biographical sketches; 222 letters, 1860-1923; "Memoranda Concerning Pictures, Sketches, etc.," by Gifford's wife, Frances E. Gifford; Gifford's chart of an Alaskan expedition, 1899; 21 sketches, etchings, and watercolors; 15 exhibition and sale catalogs; 74 photographs of Gifford, his studio, art works, family, Alaska, and the New England coast; floor plans and correspondence relating to Gifford's studio and house; clippings; research material, 1960-1965, on Gifford; and miscellany.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Occupations:

Etchers

Watercolorists