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## A Finding Aid to the Sally Kent Gorton papers and records of The Rockwell Kent Legacies, 1971-1985, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Sally Kent Gorton papers and records of The Rockwell Kent Legacies
<b>Date:</b>	1971-1985
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.gortsall
<b>Creator:</b>	Gorton, Sally Kent, 1915-2000
<b>Extent:</b>	0.8 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The Sally Kent Gorton papers and records of The Rockwell Kent Legacies measure 0.8 linear feet and date from 1971 to 1985. Found is Gorton's personal correspondence and correspondence relating to The Rockwell Kent Legacies. Also found are scattered estate records and two exhibition catalogs.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1996 by Sally (Shirley) Kent Gorton.

### Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2023 with support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Born in England, Shirley "Sally" Johnston Kent Gorton (1915-2000) emigrated to Canada as a child and was the third wife of artist Rockwell Kent. She served as Kent's secretary both before and after their marriage in 1940. Following Kent's death she married John Gorton and established The Rockwell Kent Legacies with Gorton as Director in 1973.

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## Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Gorton, John  
Jones, Dan Burne  
Kent, Rockwell, 1882-1971  
Rockwell Kent Legacies

Occupations:

Administrators -- New York (State)

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Correspondence, 1971-1985

#### 0.8 Linear feet (Box 1-2)

Scope and Contents: The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence, with some estate records and two exhibition catalogs. Correspondence of the Rockwell Kent Legacies relate to copyright, reproduction rights, foreign editions of Kent's writings, and publications about him. The records include files of correspondence with Dan Burne Jones, regarding the compilation, editing, and publication of *The Prints of Rockwell Kent : A Catalogue Raisonne*. Also found is the personal correspondence of Sally Kent Gorton and letters between Gorton, her husband John Gorton, and members of the Kent family.

Box 1, Folder 1	American Dialog, 1971
Box 1, Folder 2	Art in America, 1977-1978
Box 1, Folder 3	Assade, Liuba, 1971
Box 1, Folder 4	Bernstein, Burt, 1971
Box 1, Folder 5	Books, 1971-1983
Box 1, Folder 6	Briehl, Walter, 1971
Box 1, Folder 7	Brown, Robin, 1971
Box 1, Folder 8	Brussel, Eleanor, 1971
Box 1, Folder 9	Butterfield, Bruce, 1971
Box 1, Folder 10	Calhoun, Bill, 1971
Box 1, Folder 11	Calkins, Paul, 1971
Box 1, Folder 12	Cameron, Angus, 1971-1972
Box 1, Folder 13	Carter, Barbara Kent, 1971-1973
Box 1, Folder 14	Estate, 1972
Box 1, Folder 15	Folensbee, Bradley J. , 1971
Box 1, Folder 16	Freeman, Harry and Vera, 1971
Box 1, Folder 17	Family, 1971

Box 1, Folder 18	Finney, Kathleen Kent, 1971
Box 1, Folder 19	Gay, Francis Lee Kent, 1972-1977
Box 1, Folder 20	Gomme, Laurence, 1971
Box 1, Folder 21	Gorton, John F. H., 1971
Box 1, Folder 22	Greenberg, Sunny and George, 1971
Box 1, Folder 23	Gropper, William and Sophie, 1971
Box 1, Folder 24	Hagan, Paul, 1971
Box 1, Folder 25	Halla, Fred, 1971
Box 1, Folder 26	Halpin, Leonard, 1971
Box 1, Folder 27	Hart, Linda, 1971
Box 1, Folder 28	Inverarity, Bruce and Jane, 1971
Box 1, Folder 29-32	Jones, Dan Burne, 1973-1980
Box 2, Folder 1	Kayden, Eugene M., 1971
Box 2, Folder 2	Keeler, Mary, 1971
Box 2, Folder 3	Kent, Gordon, 1971
Box 2, Folder 4	Kent, Rockwell III, 1971
Box 2, Folder 5	Konner, Larry, 1971
Box 2, Folder 6	Lamont, Corliss, 1971
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Box 2, Folder 9	Ludlum, Stewart, 1971
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Box 2, Folder 11	Maetzold, Mary, circa 1971
Box 2, Folder 12	Marley, Harold P., 1971
Box 2, Folder 13	Mories, F. G., 1980

Box 2, Folder 14	National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., 1971
Box 2, Folder 15	New World Review, 1971
Box 2, Folder 16	Nichols, Dale, 1971
Box 2, Folder 17	Paulsson, Robert A., 1971
Box 2, Folder 18	Pearce, Clara Kent, 1971
Box 2, Folder 19	Perlo, Victor and Ellen, 1971
Box 2, Folder 20	Pholsena, Dr., 1972
Box 2, Folder 21	Pierce, Bruce L., 1971
Box 2, Folder 22	Pious, Minerva, 1971-1976
Box 2, Folder 23	Seckar, Alvena, 1971
Box 2, Folder 24	Schillinger, Frances, 1971
Box 2, Folder 25	Schumm, Paul and Dorothy, 1971
Box 2, Folder 26	Soviet Friends, 1971-1985
Box 2, Folder 27	Wesselow, Eric, 1971
Box 2, Folder 28	Wyeth Family, 1975-1981
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