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John D. Graham notebook and sketchbook

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	John D. Graham notebook and sketchbook
Date:	1944-1946
Identifier:	AAA.grahjohd
Creator:	Graham, John, 1887-1961
Extent:	1 Item (partial microfilm reel)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1970 by Mrs. Gertrude Stein, owner of the Gertrude Stein Gallery, 998 Madison Ave., NYC. Presumably Stein acquired the notebooks in her work as an art dealer. Additional notebooks in the John Graham papers on microfilm at the Archives of American Art.

Location of Originals

Originals returned to the lender, Mrs. Gertrude Stein, after microfilming.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel N/70-77 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Patrons must use microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Painter, collector; New York and Mexico. Born Ivan Gratsianovitch Dombrovski in Kiev, Russia. His birthday is listed as 27 December, 1886 but after 1917 Russia adopted the Gregorian calendar changing the date to 7 January, 1887. He moved to New York in 1920, changing his name to John Dabrowsky Graham. He was a central figure among American avant-garde artists, especially from the late 1920's-1940's.

Scope and Contents

Journal, ca. 1944-1946, containing notes and quotations on art, religion, love, some of it in French; and sketches, executed in an account book formerly kept by a William Hawkins, which has an entry as early as 1846. It was either purchased by or given to Graham and used as a sketchbook.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art -- Collectors and collecting
- Avant-garde (Aesthetics) -- New York (State) -- New York
- Cubism
- Expatriate painters -- New York (State) -- New York
- Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- New York (State) -- New York
- Surrealism

Types of Materials:

- Sketchbooks

Names:

- Stein, Gertrude, 1874-1946

Occupations:

- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York
- Painters -- Russia -- Kiev