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Abraham P. Hankins papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Abraham P. Hankins papers
<b>Date:</b>	1935-1979
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.hankabra
<b>Creator:</b>	Hankins, Abraham P., 1900-1963
<b>Extent:</b>	3.22 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1964 by Mrs. Estelle Hankins, Abraham Hankins' widow, and in 2015 by Deborah Stone, whose mother Ruth Kirschner Stone received art work from her friend Dorothy Morgan Levin, executor of Hankins' estate.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center.

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## Biographical / Historical

Abraham Hankins (1900-1963) was a teacher and painter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Two of Hankins' paintings were purchased by Dr. Albert Barnes.

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## Scope and Contents

Biographical material; correspondence, mostly of Hankin's wife, Estelle Hankins; artwork including sketchbooks, loose sketches, drawings; writings, including a facsimile of Hankins annotated manuscript for "The Way to Art" privately published in 1979 by Dorothy Morgan Levin, the executor of Hankins' estate, and "Primer of Art"; photographs; and printed material including exhibition catalogs, documenting the career of teacher and painter Abraham Hankins.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Types of Materials:

Sketchbooks

Occupations:

Educators -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia  
Painters -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia