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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	John T. Harris papers
Date:	1943-1988
Identifier:	AAA.harrjohn
Creator:	Harris, John T. (John Taylor), 1908-1972
Extent:	1 Microfilm reel
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1991 by Earl Harris, John Harris' nephew. Microfilmed in 1991 as part of AAA's Philadelphia Arts Documentation Project.

Location of Originals

Originals returned to the lender, Earl Harris, after microfilming.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 4566 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

John T. Harris (1908-1972) was an African American painter, printmaker, and instructor in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Scope and Contents

This microfilm collection of the papers of African American painter, printmaker, and instructor John T. Harris date from 1943 to 1988. The collection contains biographical information; correspondence (1965-1979) regarding paintings, as well as a draft of a letter detailing Harris' family history; and financial information (1960-1977). Also included are teaching records (1958-1979) from State Teachers College at Cheyney, including class notes, exhibition checklists, an annual report, and a scrapbook containing photographs of Harris' students in class; lists of paintings; exhibition guest lists; printed material (1943-1988), including exhibition catalogs and announcements; and 13 works of art, including prints and drawings. Photographs of Harris, works of art, and works by Lavinia Harris Hardy, Harris' sister, are also included in the collection.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- African American artists
- African American educators
- Art -- Study and teaching -- Pennsylvania
- HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities)

Types of Materials:

- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Hardy, Lavinia Harris
- State Teachers College at Cheyney

Occupations:

- Educators
- Painters -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Portrait painters -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Printmakers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia