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Hess family papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Hess family papers
Identifier:	AAA.hesshess
Date:	1850-1973
Creator:	Hess family
Extent:	132 Items ((on 1 microfilm reel))
Language:	William Hess' correspondence and diaries are in French.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The lender, Winifred Hess Manzer, is the daughter of Albert Hess.

Location of Originals

Originals returned to the lender, Winifred Hess Manzer, after microfilming.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm roll 669 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

Hess family was originally from Germany and Paris. Benedict Hess was the first to come to the U.S., and was a landscape and portrait painter. His wife, Elisa, was a voice teacher and painted still lifes. Their children also painted a little. The family ran a small art school.

Scope and Contents

86 sketches by Benedict Hess, 17 by Elisa Hess, 4 by William Hess, 1 by Abraham Hess, and a photograph of the Albert Hess Gilding Shop, Fairview, New Jersey. Also included are correspondence and a diary, 1860-1863, of William Hess written while serving in the Civil War; and genealogical material about the family.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Hess, Abraham
Hess, Albert, 1857-1924
Hess, Benedict, 1817-1870
Hess, Elisa, 1817-1890
Hess, William, 1838-1964

Occupations:

Painters