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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Carl Hirschberg papers
<b>Date:</b>	1871-1951
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.hirscarl
<b>Creator:</b>	Hirschberg, Carl, 1854-1923
<b>Extent:</b>	5 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated by William Dolan Fletcher in 1985.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Painter, illustrator; New York, N.Y. Born in Germany. Married to Alice Hirschberg (Alice Kerr-Nelson). Their son, painter and teacher Laurence Nelson, took his mother's name.

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## Scope and Contents

The bulk of collection consists of correspondence with his wife Alice Hirschberg and their son Laurence Nelson, but also included are letters to Hirschberg from Charles Yardley Turner and William St. John Harper, who write from abroad while studying art with Jean Paul Laurens and Leon Bonnat. Other correspondents include Walter Shirlaw, John Lavery, Edwin Austin Abbey, Arthur Hoeber and art patron J. Sanford Saltus. Nelson's correspondence relates to his experiences while studying abroad and with Birge Harrison at the Art Students League Woodstock Summer School. Also included are photographs, mainly of the family and a written work by Alice Hirschberg.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Art -- Study and teaching -- France -- Paris  
Art, Modern -- 19th century

Names:

Bonnat, Léon Joseph Florentin, 1833-1922  
Harper, William St. John, 1851-1910  
Hirschberg, Alice, b. 1856  
Hoerber, Arthur, 1854-1915  
Laurens, Jean-Paul, 1838-1921  
Nelson, Laurence, 1887-1978  
Turner, Charles Yardley, 1850-1918

Occupations:

Painters