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Henry-Russell Hitchcock letters to  
Dorothy Stroud and John N. Summerson

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Henry-Russell Hitchcock letters to Dorothy Stroud and John N. Summerson
<b>Date:</b>	1946-1949
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.hitchenl
<b>Creator:</b>	Hitchcock, Henry-Russell, 1903-1987
<b>Extent:</b>	19 Items
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 2000 by Dr. Gavin Stamp via Momette Broderick, the executor of Henry-Russell Hitchcock's estate. Dr. Stamp, architecture professor at Glasgow School of Art, received them from the executors of the estate of Dorothy Stroud; he then turned them over to Broderick to place in the Archives.

### 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

Architectural historian, critic, museum director, and influential teacher. Died 1987.

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## Scope and Contents

Three postcards and sixteen letters, 1946-1949, from Hitchcock to John N. Summerson and Dorothy Stroud, who were both on the staff of Sir John Soane's Museum in London. The letters record Hitchcock's impressions of Europe in the summer of 1946 while he was traveling in England to research his book, *Early Victorian Architecture in Britain*, and document the progress of his research and record his impressions of buildings, geography, food, and hotels. Later letters, when Hitchcock has returned to the United States discuss his own move from Wesleyan University to Smith College.

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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:

Architecture -- Great Britain  
Architecture, Victorian -- Great Britain.

Names:

Soane, John, Sir, 1753-1837  
Stroud, Dorothy  
Summerson, John Newenham, Sir, 1904-

Occupations:

Architectural historians