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1970-1989, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Thomas S. Holman research materials on Reginald Marsh
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.holmthom
<b>Date:</b>	1970-1989
<b>Extent:</b>	1.8 Linear feet
<b>Creator:</b>	Holman, Thomas S., 1953-2015
<b>Language:</b>	English  The collection is in English.
<b>Summary:</b>	Curator, and gallery director Thomas S. Holman's research materials on Reginald Marsh, 1970-1989, measure 1.8 linear feet. Research materials consist of correspondence, notes, printed material, writings, and images accrued during the course of exhibition research that Holman pursued while he was curator of collections at the Minnesota Museum of American Art and director of the Bell Gallery, Brown University. Reginald Marsh research, mainly conducted from 1982-1983, comprises the vast majority of the collection. In addition, there are research files for proposed Charles Demuth and Charles Sheeler exhibitions. Grant research compiled in 1989 concerns a mural exhibition.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated by Thomas S. Holman in 2013.

### Processing Information

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### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Art historian Thomas S. Holman has been a curator at the Norton Museum of Art and Minnesota Museum of American Art, and served as executive director of The Hudson River Museum and Marietta/Cobb Museum. He is now an art advisor and lives in New York City.

Reginald Marsh (1898-1954) was best known for his paintings of life in New York City during the Great Depression. Subjects included crowds on city streets and at Coney Island, women, hobos on the Bowery, vaudeville and other popular entertainments.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged as 1 series:

- Series 1: Research Files, 1970-1989 (Boxes 1-3; 1.8 linear feet)

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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:

Arts administrators -- New York (State) -- New York  
Curators -- New York (State) -- New York  
Gallery directors -- New York (State) -- New York

Mural painting and decoration

Names:

David Winton Bell Gallery (Brown University)  
Demuth, Charles, 1883-1935  
Marsh, Reginald, 1898-1954  
Minnesota Museum of American Art  
Sheeler, Charles, 1883-1965

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Research Files, 1970-1989

#### *1.8 Linear feet (Boxes 1-3)*

This series is comprised of research files concerning a proposed Reginald Marsh exhibition for the Minnesota Museum of American Art. Correspondence indicates the show was planned for fall 1982 and rescheduled for spring 1983. Later letters mention an anticipated date of winter 1985-86. Holman left the Minnesota Museum of American Art 1984, and there is no evidence that a Reginald Marsh exhibition was ever held there. A substantial amount of correspondence is with William Benton, numerous Benton family members, and The William Benton Museum of Art at The University of Connecticut, Storrs. Other correspondents include institutional and private owners of works by Marsh, and artists who knew Marsh. Research files also include printed material, notes, writings, and photographs.

In addition, single research files concern Charles Demuth and Charles Sheeler exhibitions planned for the Minnesota Museum of American Art. Another file contains grant research for a mural exhibition conducted in 1989 when Holman was Director of the Bell Gallery, Brown University.

The bulk of the material is dated 1982-1983. The majority of records dated prior to 1981 or 1984-1988 are original printed material; dates in parentheses indicate publication dates of photocopied items.

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