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Winslow Homer and Homer family papers  
from the Bowdoin College Museum of Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Winslow Homer and Homer family papers from the Bowdoin College Museum of Art
<b>Date:</b>	1846-1954
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.homewins
<b>Creator:</b>	Homer, Winslow, 1836-1910
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Microfilm reels
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1983 by Bowdoin College Museum of Art. The Museum received the material from Homer's descendants in 1964.

### Location of Originals

Originals in the Bowdoin College Museum of Art.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 2932-2933 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

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## Biographical / Historical

Painter, illustrator; New York, N.Y. and Prouts Neck, Me. Illustrator for Harper's Weekly; artist-correspondent during Civil War; moved to Prouts Neck, Me., 1884.

## Scope and Contents

Biographical documents; correspondence; notebooks; artworks; scrapbooks; printed material; and photographs; ca. 600 items, total.

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Awards and certificates; an address book kept by Homer's brother, Arthur; a biographical sketch of Homer by his nephew; correspondence, including letters, some illustrated, from Homer to his family and others, describing daily activities, his health, and his work; letters from Potter Palmer, Thomas B. Clarke, and John Beatty, and family correspondence which mentions Homer; 2 notebooks, containing notes and sketches; sketches and cartoons; 18 watercolors of plants, birds, and insects by Homer's mother; scrapbooks, containing photos of Homer, his studio, reproductions, clippings, a script and related material comparing Whistler and Homer for a radio program; catalogs; an album containing 60 annotated reproductions of artwork; printed material; Homer's Civil War pass; a contract between C. Klackner and Homer regarding the sale of etchings; receipts for sales; an inventory of the collection of Mrs. Charles S. Homer, Jr.; photos of Homer family members, Homer, his friends, and their surroundings in Prout's Neck, Me.; and miscellany.

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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:

Painting, American

### Names:

Beatty, John W. (John Wesley), 1851-1924  
Clarke, Thomas B. (Thomas Benedict), 1848-1931  
Homer, Arthur Benson, b. 1841  
Homer, Charles S., b. 1809  
Homer, Charles S., b. 1834  
Palmer, Potter, 1826-1902

### Occupations:

Painters -- Maine -- Prout's Neck