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A Finding Aid to the Katherine Gauss Jackson papers, 1919-1974, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Katherine Gauss Jackson papers
Date:	1919-1974
Identifier:	AAA.jackkath
Creator:	Jackson, Katherine Gauss
Extent:	0.6 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The papers of Katherine Gauss Jackson measure 0.6 linear feet and date from 1919 to 1974. The bulk of the collection consists of letters from Alfred H. Barr, Jr. to Katherine Gauss Jackson during the 1920s while they were studying at Princeton University and Smith College, respectively. Also found is scattered material relating to Barr including an outline on Russian music, a photograph, notes on modern art, and printed material concerning Barr's 70th birthday celebration.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The papers were received from the donor, Katharine Gauss Jackson, through Russell Lynes.

Available Formats

Portions of the collection are available on 35mm microfilm reel 1115 at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan. Researchers should note that the arrangement of the material described in the container inventory does not reflect the arrangement of the collection on microfilm.

Processing Information

Portions of the collection were microfilmed upon receipt onto reel 1115. The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2023 with support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

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Biographical / Historical

Katherine Gauss Jackson (1904-1975) was a writer and magazine editor in North Egremont, Massachusetts, and the New York City area. She was the editor of fiction for *Harper's*. Alfred Hamilton Barr, Jr. (1902-1981) was the director of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Barr and Jackson had known each other in Greensboro, Vermont, where their families had summer homes. Barr attended Princeton University while Jackson's father was Dean of the College.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Barr, Alfred H., Jr., 1902-1981

Occupations:

Authors -- Massachusetts -- North Egremont
Authors -- New York (State) -- New York
Editors -- Massachusetts -- North Egremont
Editors -- New York (State) -- New York

Container Listing

Series 1: Alfred H. Barr Papers, 1919-1974

0.6 Linear feet (Boxes 1-2)

Scope and Contents: Series includes materials sent to Katherine Gauss Jackson over the course of her long friendship with Alfred H. Barr, Jr. General material includes a "bluff sheet" outlining Russian classical music; a photograph of Barr with others from 1923; notes on postcards commenting on modern art; and clippings and an invitation for Barr's 70th birthday celebration. Barr's letters to Jackson are personal and are largely written during his time at Princeton University and while she was studying at Smith College in the 1920s. The letters discuss their friendship and connection, friends, classes, and social events. Also found are scattered letters from Margaret Scolari Barr to Jackson.

Box 1, Folder 1	General, 1923-1972
Box 1, Folder 2	Letters, circa 1920s
Box 1, Folder 3	Letters, 1919-1921
Box 1, Folder 4-5	Letters, 1922
Box 1, Folder 6-7	Letters, 1923
Box 2, Folder 1	Letters, 1924
Box 2, Folder 2	Letters, 1925
Box 2, Folder 3	Letters, 1926
Box 2, Folder 4	Letters, 1927
Box 2, Folder 5	Letters, 1928-1929
Box 2, Folder 6	Letters, 1933-1974

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