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A Finding Aid to the Robert P. Johnston Papers, 1947-1971, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Robert P. Johnston papers
Date:	1947-1971
Identifier:	AAA.johnrobe
Creator:	Johnston, Robert P., 1924- (Creator)
Extent:	0.2 Linear Feet
Language:	English
Summary:	The papers of Robert P. Johnston measure 0.2 linear feet and date from 1947 to 1971. The papers consist of material compiled by Johnston relating to ceramicist and sculptor William Ellsworth Artis and painter Hale Woodruff. Also included is one letter to Johnston from painter Karl Knaths.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1982 by Robert P. Johnston.

Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Ricky Gomez in 2022.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

This collection is open for research. Access to original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center.

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Biographical / Historical

Robert P. Johnston was a professor of art at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Scope and Contents

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Artis material includes copies of letters to Artis, 1947-1970, from museums, universities, foundations and others regarding lending his work, awarding of prizes or fellowships and other topics; Johnston's correspondence with Artis regarding Johnston's research on Artis; writings by Johnston on Artis; and printed material. Woodruff material includes copies of letters from Woodruff to Johnston, 1971; a copy of Woodruff's diagram of panel no. 6 of his mural for the Atlanta University Library, and "identifying individual famous negro artists portrayed in the mural panel;" an issue of Raven New York, June 1, 1971, with an article on Woodruff; an exhibition catalog of an exhibit of Woodruff's work held at NYU, May 15-June 8, 1967; and Woodruff's vitae, 1971.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

- Series1: Robert P. Johnston papers, 1947-1971 (0.2 linear feet; Box 1)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Artis, William Ellsworth, 1914-1977
Knaths, Karl, 1891-1971
Woodruff, Hale, 1900-1980

Occupations:

Educators -- Michigan

Container Listing

Series 1: Robert P. Johnston papers, 1947-1971

0.2 Linear Feet (Box 1)

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Box 1, Folder 1	William Artis, 1947-1971
Box 1, Folder 2	Hale Woodruff, 1967, 1971
Box 1, Folder 3	Letter From Karl Knaths, 1968 April 14

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