



# Smithsonian

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John Wanamaker department store art gallery records

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	John Wanamaker department store art gallery records
<b>Date:</b>	[ca. 1908]-1941
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.johnwana
<b>Creator:</b>	John Wanamaker (Firm)
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Microfilm reels
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Microfilmed in 1986 as part of AAA's Philadelphia Arts Documentation Project. Subsequently donated to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

### Location of Originals

Originals in Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 3918-3919 available at Archives of American Art offices, through interlibrary loan and at the Free Library of Philadelphia.

### Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

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## Biographical / Historical

Department store; Philadelphia, Pa. Founded 1861. Opened an art gallery in 1881. The art gallery is now defunct.

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## Scope and Contents

Records documenting John Wanamaker's import of French painting from Parisian salons and artists to sell in his store, to keep for his private collection and to keep for his store collection. Also included is a photograph album of Rodman Wanamaker's silver collection. Included are: correspondence; customs papers; purchase and sale records; preview invitations; inventories of works purchased for the store's collection; inventories of Wanamaker's private collection; artist files containing lists of Colin Campbell Cooper's works, photographs and clippings relating to Paul W. Bartlett's paintings, autographed photographs of Frederick Frieseke's painting, and files on Mihaly Munkacsy and Pierre Fritel. Total: 1.5 linear feet.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Art -- Collectors and collecting -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia  
Art, Modern -- French -- 20th century -- History

### Names:

Bartlett, Paul Wayland, 1865-1925  
Cooper, Colin Campbell, Jr  
Munkácsy, Mihály, 1844-1900  
Wanamaker, John, 1838-1922  
Wanamaker, Rodman, 1863-1928

### Functions:

Art galleries, Commercial -- Pennsylvania  
Department stores -- Pennsylvania