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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Leon Kelly papers
Date:	1927-1997
Identifier:	AAA.kellleon
Creator:	Kelly, Leon, 1901-1982
Extent:	2 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 2019 by Paula Muller, Leon Kelly's daughter.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center.

Biographical / Historical

Leon Kelly (1901-1982) was a painter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Loveladies Harbor, New Jersey.

Scope and Contents

The papers of painter Leon Kelly measure 2.0 linear feet and date from 1927-1997. The bulk of the collection consists of biographical material, writings by Kelly about his artwork, letters to Kelly, personal financial records, scrapbooks with photographs of works of art, artwork by Kelly including childhood sketches and designs for clothing and homegoods, and printed material documenting his career. Additional material includes posthumous correspondence and other documentation created by his daughter, Paula Muller, regarding placing Kelly's artwork in institutions and answering researcher inquiries about his work.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

Scrapbooks

Occupations:

Painters -- New Jersey -- Loveladies

Painters -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia