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Helen Weinrich Knaths photograph album

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Helen Weinrich Knaths photograph album
Date:	1879-1976
Identifier:	AAA.knathele
Creator:	Knaths, Helen Weinrich, 1876 or 7-1978
Extent:	1 Volume ((63 items on 1 microfilm reel))
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1996 by Jane Jennings, grandniece of Helen and Knaths.

Location of Originals

Original in: the Iowa Women's Archives, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 5140 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

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

Biographical / Historical

Helen Weinrich Knaths (1876 or 7-1978) was born 1877 as Lena (Lee) Weinrich on a farm in Des Moines County, Iowa. Her sister, Agnes Weinrich, studied painting at the Art Institute of Chicago, in Paris during 1913, and beginning in 1914, in Provincetown, where she and Helen met artist and teacher Karl Knaths. Karl and Helen were married in 1922, and continued to live, with Agnes, in Provincetown during the summer, and in New York during the winter. Agnes died April 17, 1946, Karl Knaths died in 1971, and Helen died at age 102 in 1979.

Scope and Contents

Included in the album are 61 photographs, a slide, and a clipping. Pictured are Helen; her older sister, Agnes Weinrich, including one of her in class at the Art Institute of Chicago, ca. 1906, one with Helen and others in Berlin, Germany, ca. 1899, and one of her tombstone (designed by Knaths); Helen's husband, Karl Knaths, including one of them on their wedding day, 1922, a few of him camping in New Hampshire, his studio in Provincetown, and with Helen and others; family friends and pets; the family farm in Iowa; and other locales.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Women artists

Names:

Art Institute of Chicago. School
Knaths, Helen Weinrich, 1876 or 7-1978 -- Photographs
Knaths, Karl, 1891-1971 -- Photographs
Weinrich, Agnes, 1873-1946 -- Photographs

Occupations:

Artists -- Illinois -- Chicago
Artists -- Massachusetts -- Provincetown