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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Aaron Kurzen papers
Date:	1941-2017
Identifier:	AAA.kurzaaro
Creator:	Kurzen, Aaron, 1920-
Extent:	2.3 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated in 2019 by Aaron Kurzen and Robert Echter, authorized representative for Aaron Kurzen.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Use of born digital records with no duplicate copy requires advance notice.

Biographical / Historical

Aaron Kurzen (1920-2021) was a painter, sculptor and teacher in Stony Creek, Conn.

Scope and Contents

The papers of painter Aaron Kurzen measure 2.3 linear feet and date from 1941-2017 and document Kurzen's life in the Army during World War II and after as an art teacher at the Dalton School in New York. Included are biographical material, personal and professional correspondence with family, friends, artists, colleagues and students; 50 ink sketches mounted on board by Kurzen, mostly of fellow soldiers in downtime activities during World War II; images of Kurzen's works of art on CD; and research material on holography, an interest of Kurzen's that he incorporated into his surrealist sculpture. Also included are records related to the toy company Fun and Fulfillment Machines co-founded by Kurzen.