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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Eli Levin papers
Date:	1949-1984
Identifier:	AAA.levieli
Creator:	Levin, Eli, 1938-
Extent:	261 Items ((on 3 microfilm reels))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1983 by Eli Levin, now known as Jo Basiste.

Location of Originals

Originals returned to Eli Levin after microfilming.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 3290 available for use at AAA's Washington, D.C. office, at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston Library; 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

Painter, printmaker, and sculptor; Santa Fe, New Mexico. Levin first gained prominence as a painter with his "Bar Room" series, consisting of crowded bar room scenes with satirical undertones. He works in the tradition of the social realists often using egg tempera as his medium.

Scope and Contents

A resume; exhibition catalogs and announcements, ca. 1967-1983; clippings, ca. 1974-1983; illustrated letters from Levin to his father Meyer Levin and his stepmother, Tereska Levin, ca.1964-1974; a 73 p. typescript of Levin's recollections of his mother Mable Levin; poems, 1949; typescripts of Levin's essays on Arthur E. Haddock, Joseph Henry Sharp, the relationship between psychiatry and art, and contemporary Indian art; an undated transcript of Levin's interview with Fremont F. Ellis; a typescript of Meyer Levin's autobiography "In Love"; typescripts of Meyer Levin's essays on the 1977 Santa Fe Armory Show, his son Eli, and the Santa Fe art boom; price lists for works of art, 1973 and 1983; biographical data; a sketchbook, 1974-1984; and photographs and a photograph album of Levin and his paintings and sculpture.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

Sketchbooks

Names:

Ellis, Fremont F., 1897-1985
Haddock, Arthur Earl, 1895-1980
Levin, Meyer, 1905-
Santa Fe Armory Show (1977 : Santa Fe, N.M.)
Sharp, Joseph Henry, 1859-1953

Occupations:

Painters -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe
Printmakers -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe
Sculptors -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe