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John Frederick Lewis selected letters

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	John Frederick Lewis selected letters
Date:	1903-1929
Identifier:	AAA.lewijohn
Creator:	Lewis, John Frederick, 1860-1932
Extent:	1 Linear foot ((on 2 partial microfilm reels))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming by American Philosophical Society as part of AAA's Philadelphia Arts Documentation Project. The Lewis collection contains over 45,000 items which document Lewis' legal practice, collecting and business affairs. Only the art related letters were microfilmed.

Location of Originals

Originals returned to the lender, the American Philosophical Society, after microfilming.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 3903-3904 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.

Biographical / Historical

Lawyer, art collector; Philadelphia, Penn. Served on the boards of many Philadelphia arts organizations, including the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and the Art Jury of Philadelphia.

Scope and Contents

The letters, predominately incoming, relate to Lewis' activities on behalf of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts regarding exhibitions, prizes, hiring, and problems relating to the teaching staff. There are also letters relating to the Philadelphia Water Color Club, the Art Club of Philadelphia, Lewis' collecting, and letters from artists and others prominent in the arts including Cecilia Beaux and Albert C. Barnes.

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
Art -- Exhibitions -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia

Names:

Barnes, Albert C. (Albert Coombs), 1872-1951
Beaux, Cecilia, 1855-1942
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts

Functions:

Art Schools -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
Arts organizations -- Pennsylvania