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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	John Lorence papers relating to Carl Nelson
Date:	1930-1992
Identifier:	AAA.lorejohn
Creator:	Lorence, John
Extent:	0.4 Linear feet 1 Item (1 rolled doc.)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1992 and 1993 by John Lorence. Letters from Nelson to Lorence, 1985-1986 are difficult to read due to Nelson's severe glaucoma; he later became blind.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Painter; Edgecomb, Maine. Student 1951-1953 and close friend of painter, graphic artist and teacher Carl Nelson. Nelson was born in Sweden; studied at the Art Students League, N.Y., with Kimon Nicolaides. In 1964, Lorence bought a house near Nelson's in Maine. Nelson died Aug. 6, 1988 in Elmhurst, Ill.

Scope and Contents

Letters, photographs, slides, printed material, and sound recordings. Included are letters to Lorence and his wife from Carl Nelson, 1964-1986; photographs and slides of Nelson, Lorence and others, Nelson's house in Maine, exhibitions and work by him; clippings; photographs of work by Harry Solon inscribed with Christmas wishes to Nelson; list of locations of Nelson's religious paintings given to Maine churches; a sound recording by Lorence, after a trip to Russia, of his conversation with Nelson and Egyptologist Richard Pierce about Russian artists and museums.

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Other recordings include a conversation between Lorence and Nelson, 1980, an interview by art historian Robin Goodale with Nelson, Lorence, and William Kienbusch for a PBS radio station, and a memorial service for Nelson.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Goodale, Robin
- Kienbusch, William, 1914-1980
- Nelson, Carl Gustaf, 1898-1988
- Pierce, Richard A. (Richard Austin), 1918-
- Solon, Harry, 1873-1958

Occupations:

- Art teachers
- Graphic artists -- Maine
- Painters -- Maine