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A. Hyatt Mayor papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	A. Hyatt Mayor papers
Date:	1815-1980
Identifier:	AAA.mayoa
Creator:	Mayor, A. Hyatt (Alpheus Hyatt), 1901-1980
Extent:	5 Linear feet ((partially microfilmed on 3 reels)) 0.4 Linear feet (Addition)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Material on reel 1344 was lent for microfilming 1977-1978 by A. Hyatt Mayor; a portion was subsequently donated 1980-1981 by Virginia Mayor, his widow, along with additional (unmicrofilmed) material. Material on reels 2322 & 2336 lent for microfilming 1981 by Martha Smith, Mayor's daughter. An additional group of manuscripts and writings was received in 1985 from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which had borrowed the material from Mrs. Mayor and returned it to AAA at her request.

Location of Originals

Reel 1344 (part): Originals returned to Virginia Mayor after microfilming.

Location of Originals

Reels 2322 & 2336: Originals returned to Martha Smith after microfilming.

Related Materials

A. Hyatt Mayor Papers, 1904-1946, are located at Syracuse University Libraries Special Collections Research Center.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 1344, 2322, & 2336 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

A. Hyatt Mayor (1901-1980) was a museum curator, art historian, and writer, from New York, N.Y. Former curator of prints at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence; scrapbooks and diaries; writings; photographs; medals; passport; engagement calendars; and printed material.

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REEL 1344: Letters, 1931-1977, from John Taylor Arms, George Biddle, Mario Bacchelli, Ralston Crawford, Joseph Hirsch, Norman Kent, Leon Kroll, Ezra Pound, Maxfield Parrish, Emilio Sanchez, Barbara and Katherine Ivins, and others. Also included is a photograph of a 1961 poster exhibition, a lecture announcement and Mayor's lecture schedule, writings, and miscellany.

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REEL 2322: Ten volumes, 1917-1927, composed while traveling and studying, mostly in Europe. Six volumes contain postcards of architecture and art, a few photos, and typescripts and transcripts of letters to Mayor's grandmother "Minn" [Andella Hyatt], and to "Aunt Anna" [Anna Hyatt Huntington]. He writes about his studies, daily activities, friends, and others, including Bernhard Berenson at i Tatti. Three volumes are diaries written while in Florence, Italy, 1924-1925, Europe, 1925, and Egypt, 1927; and one volume contains reminiscences of Leon Kroll and Maurice Sachs.

Scope and Contents

REEL 2336: 20 letters from Mayor to his wife from Spain, 1959, and Europe, 1966; an annotated, 99-page manuscript by Mayor, "The Mutations of Greece"; a travel diary, 1927; and a copy of MAGAZINE OF ART, 1952, with an article by Mayor, "Writing and Painting in China."

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UNMICROFILMED: Papers, 1815-1980, including: a passport, 1949-1953; engagement calendars, 1966-1979; personal and business correspondence, 1911-1979; letters to Eliza Cadwell Blackwell (Mayor) from Francis Blackwell, 1815-1819; photographs of Mayor, his family and others, and negatives; published and unpublished writings by Mayor including handwritten notes, typescripts of lectures, galley proofs and newsletters containing articles by Mayor; 3 medals awarded to Francis Blackwell Mayor, 1852-1855; A. Hyatt Mayor's degree from Princeton, 1922, and a citation from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 1971; printed material concerning Mayor's aunt, Anna Hyatt Huntington, catalogs, clippings; and miscellany.

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Among the photos are: 4 cased daguerreotypes, 1 cased ambrotype, and 11 tintypes, including one taken by Moffett & Sheldon, Newark, N.J., 2 possibly of Alfred G. Mayor, ca. 1868, 1 of Alfred G. Mayor, ca. 1880, and 2 of Joseph Henry Mayor, ca. May 26, 1880.

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ADDITION: Manuscripts and writings.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art -- History

Names:

Arms, John Taylor, 1887-1953
Bacchelli, Mario
Berenson, Bernard, 1865-1959
Biddle, George, 1885-1973
Crawford, Ralston, 1906-1978
Hirsch, Joseph, 1910-1981
Huntington, Anna Hyatt, 1876-1973
Ivins, Barbara
Ivins, Katherine
Kent, Norman, 1903-1972
Kroll, Leon, 1884-1974
Mayor, Alfred G.
Mayor, Joseph Henry
Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, N.Y.)
Moffett & Sheldon
Parrish, Maxfield, 1870-1966
Pound, Ezra, 1885-1972
Sachs, Maurice, 1906-1945
Sanchez, Emilio, 1921-1999

Occupations:

Art historians -- New York (State) -- New York
Art museum curators -- New York (State) -- New York

Functions:

Art museums -- New York (State)