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William Ashby McCloy papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	William Ashby McCloy papers
<b>Date:</b>	1926-1988
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.mcclwill
<b>Creator:</b>	McCloy, William Ashby
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Linear feet 4 Linear feet (Addition)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated by William A. McCloy, 1979-1992.

### 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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Painter, printmaker, art historian, and educator; Connecticut; b. 1913

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## Scope and Contents

Biographical data; correspondence, 1940-1970; financial material; lists of exhibitions; price lists; a notebook, ca. 1926-1949, containing a list of McCloy's works with notes on his painting technique; writings, 1931-1973; class outlines and notes; clippings; exhibition catalogs and announcements, 1936-1981; 5 scrapbooks, 1936-1954, containing letters and printed material; 15 sketches for a school catalog, ca. 1950; 7 "Dynamic Symmetry" study sketches by John Steuart Curry; and 39 photographs of McCloy, his wife, friends, and works of art, including four of sculpture by Doris Caesar.

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ADDITION: Biographical information; 4 letters, including a letter from John Steuart Curry, a letter from Curry to Reginald Marsh asking technical questions about paint combinations and mediums, Marsh's illustrated reply, and a follow-up postcard (1942); course notes taken as a student and files kept as an instructor; and a video recording of McCloy's comments on the 1991 exhibition, "William A. McCloy in Retrospect: Themes and Issues."

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Types of Materials:

- Scrapbooks
- Video recordings

### Names:

- Caesar, Doris, 1893-1971
- Curry, John Steuart, 1897-1946
- Marsh, Reginald, 1898-1954

### Occupations:

- Art historians -- Connecticut
- Educators -- Connecticut
- Painters -- Connecticut
- Printmakers -- Connecticut