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Francis John McComas papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Francis John McComas papers
<b>Date:</b>	1898-1965
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.mccofrjo
<b>Creator:</b>	McComas, Francis John, 1874-1938
<b>Extent:</b>	122 Items ((on 2 microfilm reels))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Material on reel 862 lent for microfilming in 1974 by California Historical Society through Kent Seavey, Asst. Curator; Seavey donated material on reel 3042 in 1977.

### Location of Originals

Reel 862: Originals in the California Historical Society.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 862 and 3042 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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Watercolorist, San Francisco, California. Born in Tasmania, Australia. Came to California in 1898. Jury member of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and president of San Francisco Society of Artists. Married to painter Gene Frances McComas.

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## Scope and Contents

Scrapbook, catalogs, photographs, and clippings.

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REEL 862: One scrapbook, 1898-1938, containing clippings, photographs, catalogs and announcements, printed material, and miscellany; and a catalog from the California Historical Society FRANCES JOHN MCCOMAS exhibition of 1965, written by Kent L. Seavey, the Assistant Curator.

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REEL 3042: One letter, 1928, enclosing a certificate of birth; 5 photos including one of a landscape "On Sentinal Dame" taken by E. N. Sewell, ca. 1900's; 6 exhibition catalogs and announcements; notes; loose clippings and a scrapbook of clippings.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Sewell, E. N.

Occupations:

Watercolorists -- California -- San Francisco