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William and Leza McVey papers

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives of American Art |
| Title: | William and Leza McVey papers |
| Identifier: | AAA.mcvewill |
| Date: | 1932-1974 |
| Creator: | McVey, William Mozart, 1905-1995 McVey, Leza |
| Extent: | 22.8 Linear feet ((microfilmed on 22 reels)) |
| Language: | English . |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Material on reels 869-870 lent for microfilming by William McVey. He subsequently donated the originals to Rice University in Houston, Texas. Material on reels 5439-5460 was donated in 1998 by the McVey estate via executor Seth C. Taft.

Location of Originals

Reels 869-870: Originals at Rice University, Houston, Texas.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 869-870 and reels 5439-5460 available 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

William McVey: Sculptor, educator; Cleveland, Ohio; Leza McVey: Ceramist, weaver, Cleveland, Ohio.

Scope and Contents

Papers regarding sculptor William McVey and to a lesser extent his wife, ceramist and weaver, Leza McVey.

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REELS 869-870: Files on 26 commissions executed between 1938 and 1973; 2 scrapbooks; printed articles by McVey; sketches and drawings; clippings; and photographs. Correspondents include Chaim Gross, Zoltan Sepeshy, Boyer Gonzales, Clifford West, John Canaday, and others.

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REELS 5439-5460: Correspondence, writings, art work by the McVey's and others, photographs, and printed material.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Sculpture, American
- Sculpture, Modern -- 20th century -- United States
- Women artists

Names:

- Canaday, John, 1907-1985
- Gonzales, Boyer
- Gross, Chaim, 1904-1991
- Sepeshy, Zoltan, 1898-1974
- West, Clifford B.

Occupations:

- Ceramicists
- Sculptors
- Weavers