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John D. Morse papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	John D. Morse papers
<b>Date:</b>	1951-1960
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.morsjohn
<b>Creator:</b>	Morse, John D., 1906-
<b>Extent:</b>	0.4 Linear feet ((on 2 microfilm reels))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Material on reel 865 donated 1959 by John D. Morse; material on reel 3161 donor is unknown.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 865 & 3161 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

Writer, editor; Sarasota, Florida.

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## Scope and Contents

Letters; and research material for OLD MASTERS IN AMERICA (1955).

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## Scope and Contents

REEL 865: Material compiled in preparation for OLD MASTERS IN AMERICA (Rand McNally, 1955) " a practical guidebook" to the paintings of 40 European "old masters" in American and Canadian art museums. Copies of 4 form letters sent by Morse; 160 letters, 1951-1954, from the museums, some galleries, and some private collectors; and completed questionnaires which list the paintings and usually their dimensions and dates. [Questionnaires have not been filmed as they contain info. found in the publication.]

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REEL 3161: Four letters received, 1958-1960, including a letter from Morse's cousin, Ruth Sperry regarding his mother, and letters from Edward Hopper, Byron Browne and William Zorach regarding articles by Morse in ART IN AMERICA.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, European

Names:

Browne, Byron, 1907-1961  
Hopper, Edward, 1882-1967  
Zorach, William, 1887-1966

Occupations:

Artists