



# Smithsonian

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William Sidney Mount and Mount family papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	William Sidney Mount and Mount family papers
<b>Date:</b>	1830-1947 (bulk 1830-1860)
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.mounwill
<b>Creator:</b>	Mount, William Sidney, 1807-1868
<b>Extent:</b>	6 Reels (3,000 items (on 6 microfilm reels))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Material on reel A was received by the New York Historical Society from the Clara Brewster Mount estate, December 1, 1943. Papers on reel SM1-SM4 were collected by Ward Melville and donated to the Suffolk Museum at Stony Brook, Long Island. The papers were arranged for microfilming by AAA collector, Mary Bartlett Cowdrey, and microfilmed in 1958. The sketchbook on reel N726 was lent for microfilming by the Queensborough Public Library, 1967.

### Location of Originals

REELS SM1-SM4: Originals in: Suffolk Museum, Stony Brook, N.Y.

### Location of Originals

REEL A: Originals in New York Historical Society.

### Location of Originals

REEL N726: Original sketchbook in the Queensborough Public Library, Jamaica, N.Y.

### Related Materials

Mount family papers also located at: Public Library, Smithtown, Long Island.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels A, SM1-SM4 and N726 available at Archives of American Art offices, through interlibrary loan, and at the Suffolk Museum.

### Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

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## Biographical / Historical

William Sidney Mount: painter; New York City and Stony Brook, Long Island. Born Setauket, L.I. to Thomas Shephard and Julia Hawkins Mount. Studied at National Academy of Design and with Henry Inman. Importance as an early genre painter. His three brothers Robert, Henry and Shepard and sister Ruth were also artistic and musical.

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence, journals, notebooks, sketchbooks, notes, scrapbooks, documents, photographs, lists, catalogs, clippings, and other publications, primarily of William Sidney Mount.

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REEL A: Correspondence of William Sidney Mount, 1833-1868, pertaining to art, politics, personal affairs, and other matters. Among the correspondents are Charles Lanman, William Schaus, Jonathan Sturges, B.T. Hutchinson, Evelina Mount, Charles B. Wood, Samuel P. Avery and others. Also included are Robert Nelson Mount correspondence, undated cards and announcements, and notes.

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REELS SM1-SM4: The Mount Brothers, exhibition catalog (1947); Scrapbook of clippings re Edward P. Buffet's biography of William Sidney Mount; Wm. S. Mount journals and notebooks, 1843-1868?; biographical notes; genealogy; Micha Hawkins papers; papers of Mount family members: Thomas S., John S., Henry S., Shepard Alonzo, Robert Nelson, John Henry, Thomas Shepard, Evelina, William Shepard, John Brester, Sarah Fisher, and Clara Brewster; William Sidney Mount correspondence, 1830-1868; estate papers; books owned and inscribed by Mount; and photographs of sketches by Mount.

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## Scope and Contents

REEL N726: A sketchbook of William Sidney Mount.

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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:

Genre painting -- 19th century

Types of Materials:

Sketchbooks

Names:

Mount family  
Mount, William Sidney, 1807-1868

Occupations:

Painters -- New York (State) -- Stony Brook