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Ralston Crawford letters to Bonnie Nelson

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Ralston Crawford letters to Bonnie Nelson
<b>Date:</b>	1969-1977
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.nelsbonn
<b>Creator:</b>	Nelson, Bonnie
<b>Extent:</b>	237 Items ((0.8 linear feet))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 2007 and 2009 by Bonnie Nelson.

### 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

Bonnie Nelson was a friend and companion of painter Ralston Crawford (1906-1978) from Houston, Tex.

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## Scope and Contents

237 letters, postcards, and telegrams to Bonnie Nelson from Ralston Crawford, Nelson's close friend and companion. Crawford documents his travels and writes about his artwork and his life, in general. Also included is a 1974 snapshot of Crawford.

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## Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by year.

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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:

Crawford, Ralston, 1906-1978

Occupations:

Painters -- Texas