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A Finding Aid to the Ruth O'Hara Papers Relating to Her Print Collection, 1912-1952, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Ruth O'Hara papers relating to her print collection
Date:	1912-1952
Identifier:	AAA.oharruth
Creator:	O'Hara, Ruth (Collector)
Extent:	0.2 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Ruth O'Hara papers relating to her print collection measure 0.2 linear feet and date from 1912 to 1952. The papers focus on the provenance, original purchase, and auction of prints and works acquired by Ruth O'Hara. Found are letters and financial records, a photograph of John Taylor Arms and others, and printed material.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Ruth O'Hara through Kathleen Curley in 1982.

Available Formats

The collection is available on 35mm microfilm reel 2520 at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan. Researchers should note that the arrangement of the material described in the container inventory does not reflect the arrangement of the collection on microfilm.

Processing Information

The collection was microfilmed on reel 2520 after receipt. The papers were processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2023 with support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Ruth Printz O'Hara (1933-2019) was an art dealer and collector in New York City, New York. She was the founder of Ruth O'Hara Fine Art and co-founder of O'Hara Gallery.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Arms, John Taylor, 1887-1953

Occupations:

Art dealers -- New York (State) -- New York
Collectors -- New York (State) -- New York

Container Listing

Series 1: Ruth O'Hara Papers, 1912-1952

0.2 Linear feet (Box 1)

Scope and Contents: Letters and financial records are from artists and galleries regarding the purchase of works of art. Included are letters to Mrs. Louis Lowison from the firm of Robert Mussmann; letters from Robert Vonnoh and Harry Wicky; a letter to Adele Buckalter from John Taylor Arms; and an auction sale receipt from The Walpole Galleries for prints bought by Mrs. Lowinson, mentioning bids for the same prints by Franklin Delano Roosevelt. A photograph depicts John Taylor Arms, Kerr Eby, Mrs. Hay and others. Printed materials include priced auction and exhibition catalogs for The Walpole Galleries, Rains Galleries, Plaza Art Auction Galleries, Inc., Ernest Roth, and others and clippings.

Box 1, Folder 1 Letters and Financial Records, 1919-1947

Box 1, Folder 2 Photograph, circa 1925

Box 1, Folder 3-4 Printed Material, 1912-1952

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