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Otis Oldfield papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Otis Oldfield papers
<b>Date:</b>	1910-1975
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.oldfotip
<b>Creator:</b>	Oldfield, Otis, 1890-1969
<b>Extent:</b>	62 Items ((on 2 microfilm reels))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Material lent for microfilming 1975 by Helen Oldfield, widow of Oldfield.

### Location of Originals

Originals returned to Helen Oldfield after microfilming.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 1023 & 1027 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### 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

Painter, teacher; San Francisco, California. Oldfield went to Paris in 1909 where he studied briefly at the Academie Julian. He remained in France until 1924, serving in the French army during World War I, and after the war was exhibiting at the Salon des Independents and the Salon d' Automne. He taught at the California School of Fine Arts, 1925-1942, and became known for his talents as a bookbinder as well as painter. He taught at the California College of Arts and Crafts, 1945-1951 and privately until his death.

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## Scope and Contents

Business correspondence; manuscript material; 2 financial log books kept by Oldfield and his widow, 1927-1974; 3 photo albums, one with photos of Oldfield, Ralph Stackpole and Homer Groninger, and 2 albums of works, 1924-1948; loose photos of works, of Oldfield, Yun Gee, Ralph Stackpole, Rinaldo Cuneo, Helen Oldfield, Marcel Roche and others, 1921-1957; 3 scrapbooks, 1910-1940, including catalogs and announcements, manuscript and

printed material, clippings, and correspondence with Beatrice Judd Ryan, Mildred Taylor, Alice Chittenden, Lucien Labaudt and Maynard Dixon; clippings; and miscellany.

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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 -- Study and teaching -- California -- San Francisco  
Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- California -- San Francisco

### Names:

Chittenden, Alice Brown, 1859 or 60-1944  
Cuneo, Rinaldo, 1877-1939  
Dixon, Maynard, 1875-1946  
Gee, Yun, 1906-  
Groninger, Homer  
Labaudt, Lucien, 1880-1943  
Oldfield, Helen, 1902-1981  
Roche, Marcel  
Ryan, Beatrice Judd  
Stackpole, Ralph, 1885-1973  
Taylor, Mildred

### Occupations:

Art teachers -- California -- San Francisco  
Painters -- California -- San Francisco