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A Finding Aid to the Frederick Papsdorf papers, 1900-1975, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Frederick Papsdorf papers
Date:	1900-1975
Identifier:	AAA.papsfred
Creator:	Papsdorf, Frederick, 1887-1978
Extent:	0.6 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The papers of Frederick Papsdorf measure 0.6 linear feet and date from 1900 to 1975. The papers document the career of painter Frederick Papsdorf through a biographical sketch, correspondence with Klas Perls, Papsdorf's dealer at Perls Galleries, radio broadcast excerpts, a clippings scrapbook, exhibition announcements and catalogs, some sketches and sketchbooks, and photographs of Papsdorf and of some of his artwork. Also included are letters from the American Red Cross concerning Papsdorf's activities as an instructor for their Arts & Skills Corps during the mid-1940's.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Material on reel 981 donated 1973 by Frederick Papsdorf; material on reel 3813 donated 1984 by Syracuse University.

Available Formats

Portions of the collection are available on 35mm microfilm reels 981 and 3813 at the Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan. Researchers should note that the arrangement of material described in the container inventory does not reflect the arrangement of the collection on microfilm.

Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Ricky Gomez in 2023.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

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Biographical / Historical

Frederick Papsdorf (1887-1978) was a painter who lived and worked in the Detroit, Michigan area.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

- Series 1: Frederick Papsdorf papers, 1900-1975 (0.6 linear feet; Boxes 1-2)
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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:

Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- United States

Names:

Perls, Klaus

Occupations:

Painters -- Michigan -- Detroit

Container Listing

AAA.papsfred holdings

Reel 0981.papsdorf AAA - microfilm ILL- no restrictions

Reel 3813.papsdorf AAA - microfilm ILL- no restrictions

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Box 1, Folder 1	Biographical Sketch, 1946
Box 1, Folder 2-3	Correspondence, Perls Galleries, 1943-1950
Box 1, Folder 4	Correspondence, Palm Valley Ranch, 1957-1958
Box 1, Folder 5	Correspondence, General, 1941-1975
Box 1, Folder 6	Radio Broadcasts, 1945
Box 1, Folder 7	Clippings Scrapbook, 1936-1973
Box 1, Folder 8	Clippings, 1943-1963
Box 1, Folder 9	Exhibition Announcements and Catalogs, 1943-1962
Box 1, Folder 10-11	Artwork, Water Colors, 1900, 1955-1968
Box 1, Folder 12-14	Artwork, Sketches, 1934-1965
Box 2, Folder 1	Artwork, Sketchbooks, 1938-1944
Box 2, Folder 2	Artwork, Sketchbook, 1948
Box 2, Folder 3	Photographs, Frederick Papsdorf, ca. 1960
Box 2, Folder 4	Photographs, Artwork, undated
Box 2, Folder 5	Miscellaneous, 1948-1965

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