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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Albert Pels papers
Identifier:	AAA.pelsalbe
Date:	[ca. 1931-1946]
Extent:	0.7 Linear feet ((600 items))
Creator:	Pels, Albert
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1979 by Albert Pels.

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.

Biographical / Historical

Painter, art school administrator; Cincinnati, Ohio and New York, N.Y. Born May 7, 1910; died 1998. Painted murals for the Section of Fine Arts under the Department of the Treasury government work-relief art projects.

Scope and Contents

A resume; personal and business correspondence; financial receipts; correspondence with the Treasury Department regarding murals painted by Pels in Wilmington, De. and Normal, Ill. for the Section of Fine Arts during the Depression; ca. 450 sketches of street scenes, figures, and mural studies for government murals; signatures and notes from Kenneth Hayes Miller and William Palmer; photographs of Pels and his work; clippings; exhibition catalogs; and a scrapbook containing clippings, announcements, and letters.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art and state
Federal aid to the arts
Mural painting and decoration -- Delaware -- Wilmington
Mural painting and decoration -- Illinois -- Normal
Public art

Types of Materials:

Scrapbooks

Names:

Federal Art Project (U.S.)
Miller, Kenneth Hayes, 1876-1952
Palmer, William, 1906-1987
United States. Dept. of the Treasury. Section of Fine Arts
United States. Dept. of the Treasury. Section of Painting and Sculpture

Occupations:

Educators
Painters