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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts records
Date:	1805-1976
Identifier:	AAA.pennacad
Creator:	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Extent:	71 Microfilm reels
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Reels 4316-4340 microfilmed in 1989 as part of AAA's Philadelphia Arts Documentation Project.
Reels P38-P83 lent and microfilmed in 1955.

Location of Originals

Originals in Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

Other Finding Aids

Detailed finding aid located at Archives of American Art offices and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels P38-P83 and 4316-4340 available at Archives of American Art offices, at Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, and through interlibrary loan.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 4316-4340 also available at the Free Library of Philadelphia.

Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Art academy and museum; Philadelphia, Pa. Founded in 1805. Exhibitions and classes began 1811. Annual competitions ceased in 1969. Academy instructors and students include Thomas Eakins, Cecilia Beaux, William Merritt Chase, Violet Oakley, Henry O. Tanner, Rembrandt Peale, and Thomas Sully. An art school was established in Chester Springs, Pa. from 1917 to 1952.

Scope and Contents

Selected materials from the following record groups: School; Exhibitions; Special Events; Permanent Collecton; Pennsylvania Academicians and Associates; Administration; Secretary and Managing Director; Board of Directors; Stockholders Association; Building; Public Relations; Photographs; and Oversize.

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Included in the School records are student registers, prize winners, address books, faculty minutes, and school catalogs for both the School in Philadelphia and the school at Chester Springs. Exhibiton materials include registers of works received for exhibition, annual and special exhibition catalogs, and sale records. Among the Board Minutes filmed are the Committee on Instruction and the Committee on Exhibitions. The Photographs include views of the various Academy buildings including the Frank Furness building at Broad and Cherry Streets, students, classes, and exhibitions.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, American -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia

Functions:

Art Schools -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
Art museums -- Pennsylvania