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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Philadelphia Sketch Club records
Date:	1860-1949
Identifier:	AAA.philsket
Creator:	Philadelphia Sketch Club
Extent:	7 Linear feet ((on 5 microfilm reels))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming by Philadelphia Sketch Club, 1985-1986.

Location of Originals

Originals in: Philadelphia Sketch Club.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 3664-3666 & 3919-3920 available at Archives of American Art offices, through interlibrary loan and 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 club; Philadelphia, Pa. Founded 1860 to provide classes when the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts school was not active. Exhibitions and social activities were also organized. The club is still active (in 1990).

Scope and Contents

A 1049-page history of the club written in 1935 and a chronicle, 1860-1865, including lists of officers, income, and members and locations; 15 volumes of secretaries, treasurers and board minutes 1860-1937 (incomplete); a constitution, 1882-1889; some correspondence; exhibition catalogs and announcements; inventories of club collections including a list of the Thomas Anshutz members portraits; copies of speeches delivered; a few remaining artists's files; issues of PORTFOLIO, a club publication, 1874, 1945-49; and photographs, both loose and in scrapbooks, of members in posed and candid arrangements.

Names and Subject Terms

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

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Art Schools -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
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