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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Alton Pickens papers
Date:	1943-1969
Identifier:	AAA.pickalto
Creator:	Pickens, Alton
Extent:	0.4 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1989 by Alton Pickens via Paul Schweizer.

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

Alton Pickens (1917- 1991) was a painter, printmaker, and instructor. He taught art at Indiana University and Vassar College.

Scope and Contents

Business and personal letters to Pickens (1943-69), notes and other papers relating to his art instruction (1950-53), art exhibition announcements (1955-56), financial records (1949-56), and four leftist political magazines from the 1940's, one of which contains some of Pickens' sketches. In addition, there are a few photographs of unknown subjects.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, Modern -- 20th century -- United States
Politics in art -- United States

Occupations:

Art teachers
Etchers
Painters