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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	William Harvey Pierson papers
Date:	1935-1970
Identifier:	AAA.pierwill
Creator:	Pierson, William H. (William Harvey), 1911-2008
Extent:	12 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1979-1981 by William H. Pierson, Jr.

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

Art historian, educator, editor; Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Scope and Contents

A file of selective bibliographies, lectures, notes, and syllabi by art historians for courses at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, ca. 1935-1940; and one typed manuscript and four galley proofs for Pierson's book AMERICAN BUILDINGS AND THEIR ARCHITECTS, Vol. I (1970). Also included is a catalog card file used in the preparation of ARTS IN THE UNITED STATES: A PICTORIAL SURVEY, edited by Pierson, 1960. The ca. 6,000 cards contain descriptions and photographs relating to architecture, decorative arts, photography, graphic arts, Indian arts and artifacts, painting, sculpture, stage design, advertising, and cartoons.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Architecture -- United States

Arts -- United States -- History -- Sources

Occupations:

Art historians -- Massachusetts -- Williamstown
Educators -- Massachusetts