A Finding Aid to the Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner Papers, circa 1914-1984, bulk 1942-1984, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives of American Art
Title: Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner papers
Identifier: AAA.polljack
Date: circa 1914-1984
(bulk 1942-1984)
Extent: 16.1 Linear feet
Creator: Pollock, Jackson, 1912-1956
Krasner, Lee, 1908-1984
Language: English
Summary: The papers of abstract expressionist painters Jackson Pollock and wife Lee Krasner measure 16.1 linear feet and date from circa 1914 to 1984, with the bulk of the material dating from 1942 to 1984. The collection documents their personal and professional lives, as well as the legacy of Jackson Pollock’s work after his death. Found are biographical material, correspondence, writings by Krasner and others, research material, business and financial records, printed material, scrapbooks, artwork by others, photographs, interview transcripts, audio and video recordings, and motion picture film.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Jackson Pollock were donated in 1983 by Lee Krasner through Eugene V. Thaw shortly before her death. Additional material about Pollock and the papers of Lee Krasner were donated in 1985 by Eugene V. Thaw, executor of Lee Krasner's estate.

Related Material

Found in the Archives of American Art are the Charles Pollock Papers, 1902-1990, which includes correspondence, photographs, and other files relating to his brother, Jackson Pollock. Other resources in the Archives are oral history interviews with Lee Krasner, including a series of interviews conducted by Dorothy Seckler between 1964 and 1968, and interviews conducted by Barbara Rose in 1966 and Doloris Holmes in 1972.

Alternative Forms Available

The papers of Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner in the Archives of American Art were digitized in 2006 and 2008. The Jackson Pollock papers and photographs from the Lee Krasner papers were scanned from originals. The bulk of the Lee Krasner papers were digitized from 7 reels of microfilm. In total, there are 15,096 images available. All of the sound recordings have also been digitized and are available at the Archives of American Art offices.
Processing Information

The papers of Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner received preliminary processing as separate collections upon arrival at the Archives and were microfilmed separately on reels 3046-3049 and 3771-3780. The two collections were merged and arranged into one logical archival arrangement and described by Erin Corley in 2005-2006 and digitized in 2007-2008 with funding provided by the Terra Foundation for American Art. Motion picture film reels were inspected and re-housed in 2016-2017 with funding provided by the Smithsonian Collections Care and Preservation Fund.

Preferred Citation


Restrictions on Access

The collection has been digitized and is available online via AAA's website.

Ownership and Literary Rights

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Biographical Note

Jackson Pollock was born in 1912, in Cody, Wyoming, the youngest of five sons. His family moved several times during his childhood, finally settling in Los Angeles. In 1930 he joined his older brother, Charles, in New York City, and studied with Regionalist painter Thomas Hart Benton at the Art Students League of New York. Pollock worked during the 1930s for the Works Progress Administration's Federal Art Project. During 1936 he worked in artist David Alfaro Siqueiros's Experimental Workshop. In 1938 he began psychiatric treatment for alcoholism, and his artwork was greatly influenced by Jungian analysis and the exploration of unconscious symbolism.

In 1943 Pollock had his first one-man exhibition at Peggy Guggenheim's New York gallery, Art of this Century, and continued to exhibit there over the next several years. A major turning point in Pollock's life and art was in 1945 when he married fellow artist Lee Krasner and moved to East Hampton, Long Island. There he developed his mature painting style, and became famous for his abstract pouring technique on large canvases. The height of his creativity spanned from 1947 to 1952, and his work was promoted by art critic Clement Greenberg. Along with other abstract expressionists including Hans Hofmann, Alfonso Ossorio, and Barnett Newman, he joined the Betty Parsons Gallery in 1947. He had his most successful one-man show in 1950 which was widely publicized and praised. This exhibition, combined with a 1949 feature article in LIFE magazine, made Pollock an American celebrity.

In 1952 Pollock moved his work to Sidney Janis Gallery and returned to earlier motifs in a search for new breakthroughs. The last few years of his life he suffered from mental and physical health problems, and in August, 1956 he died in a car accident. His wife, Lee Krasner, oversaw his estate and worked with many museums, including the Museum of Modern Art, on Pollock retrospective exhibitions.

Lee Krasner was born Lenore Krassner in 1908 in Brooklyn, New York to Russian immigrant parents. In 1926 she was admitted to the Women's Art School of The Cooper Union, and in 1928 she attended the Art Students League. After graduating from The Cooper Union in 1929, she attended the National
Academy of Design until 1932. After briefly attending City College and Greenwich House, she worked for
the Public Works of Art Project and the Temporary Emergency Relief Administration, and finally became
an assistant in 1935 on the WPA Federal Art Project, Mural Division. From 1937 to 1940 she studied at the
Hans Hofmann School of Fine Arts and began exhibiting with the American Abstract Artists group.

In 1942 Krasner met Pollock as they were both preparing to exhibit work in the same show. Although
they married and she became immersed in his career, she continued to exhibit her own work with other
abstract artists and from 1946 to 1949 worked on the Little Image painting series. In 1953 she began
working on collages, a medium she would come back to again later in her career. After Pollock's death her
work was greatly influence by her sadness and anger, creating a visible evolution of her style.

For the rest of her career, Krasner consistently exhibited her work in both group and solo exhibitions. She
had her first retrospective at Whitechapel Gallery, London, in 1965, and in 1966, she joined Marlborough
Gallery, New York which represented Pollock's work as well. In the 1970s and early 1980s Krasner won
many awards for her achievement in the visual arts, including the Augustus St. Gaudens Medal and the
Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. She returned to the medium of collage, and in 1976 joined the
creating art until her death in 1984.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of abstract expressionist painters Jackson Pollock and wife Lee Krasner measure 16.1
linear feet and date from circa 1914 to 1984, with the bulk of the material dating from 1942 to 1984. The
collection documents their personal and professional lives, as well as the legacy of Jackson Pollock's
work after his death. Found are biographical material, correspondence, writings by Krasner and others,
research material, business and financial records, printed material, scrapbooks, artwork by others,
photographs, interview transcripts, audio and video recordings, and motion picture film.

The collection is divided into two series, the first of which focuses on Pollock and includes his scattered
papers dating from circa 1914 to his death in 1956, as well as Krasner's papers dating from his death to
1984 about managing Pollock's legacy. This series includes biographical materials, including transcripts
and audio recordings of an interview with William Wright in 1949; Pollock's and Krasner's correspondence
with Thomas Hart Benton, Betty Parsons Gallery, Bill Davis, B. H. Friedman, Reginald Isaacs, Sidney
Janis, Violet De Lazlo, Martha Jackson Gallery, Alfonso Ossorio, Tony Smith, and Clyfford Still, and
with one another; Krasner's correspondence concerning Pollock's estate and artwork after his death;
numerous writings about Pollock, including an original draft of Bryan Robertson's biography and an essay
by Clement Greenberg.

James Valliere extensive research files on Pollock for a never-published biography were given to Krasner
and filed in Series 1. These include scattered correspondence with Lee Krasner, and Pollock's family and
friends, including Charles Pollock, Thomas Hart Benton, and Robert Motherwell. There are also transcripts
of interviews Valliere conducted with Pollock's friends and colleagues, including James Brooks, Dorothy
Dehner, Clement Greenberg, Reuben Kadish, Lee Krasner, Charles Maddox, Mrs. Sanford McCoy, Daniel
T. Miller, Robert Miller, and Tony Smith. The original audio reels and duplicates exist for many and are filed
here. Additional interviews were conducted with Willem de Kooning, Alfonso Ossorio, and Burton Rouche,
but not transcribed - these are filed in Series 1.10, Audio Recordings and Motion Picture Film.

Also found in Series 1 are scattered business records documenting Krasner's handling of Pollock's estate
and legacy; printed materials relating to Pollock, including published biographies, exhibition catalogs, and
clippings; two scrapbooks; and a sketchbook by an unidentified artist. Numerous photographs of Pollock
include childhood and family photographs, photographs of Pollock in his studio by Hans Namuth, Rudy
Burckhardt, and Herbert Matter, photographs of Pollock with Lee Krasner, and exhibition photographs.
Audio recordings and motion film in Series 1 include a 1964 16mm film about Pollock (VHS copies are available) and reel-to-reel recordings of untranscribed interviews of Pollock’s friends and colleagues by James Valliere, including interviews with Willem de Kooning and Alfonso Ossorio. Additional transcribed interviews are filed in subseries 1.4.

Lee Krasner’s papers documenting her own career are arranged in Series 2 and date from 1927-1984. Biographical materials include resumes and awards, school documents, family documentation, and exhibition lists. Her correspondence with artist friends and art colleagues is extensive and includes many letters from artists such as Philip Johnson, Ray Eames, Cleve Gray, and Hans Namuth. She also maintained correspondence with many art historians and critics, curators, gallery owners, collectors, arts-related and social organizations, admirers, and family members.

There are thirteen transcripts of interviews with Krasner by Bruce Glaser, Barbara Cavaliere, Andrew Forge, Emily Wasserman, Barbara Rose, and others. The original audio recordings for these transcripts are filed in series 2.10, along with other audio recordings for which there are no transcripts, including interviews by John Gruen, Delores Holmes, Mercedes Matter, the Martha Dean Radio Show, NBC Today Show, and WQXR radio. There are also audio recordings of Krasner’s lectures in series 2.10.

Krasner’s papers also include writings and reminiscences by Krasner; writings about Krasner; printed materials such as exhibition catalogs and clippings; and one scrapbook containing clippings and photographs. Numerous photographs are of Krasner, including portrait photographs taken by Hans Namuth; of Krasner with Jackson Pollock and family and friends, and of her exhibitions and artwork.

Users should note that Pollock’s and Krasner’s papers contain similar types of material that often overlap in subject matter, especially among the correspondence and photographs.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 2 series:

- Series 1: Jackson Pollock papers and Lee Krasner papers about Jackson Pollock, circa 1914-1984 (Box 1-7, 16, OV 18, FC 19-22; 7.4 linear feet)
- Series 2: Lee Krasner papers, circa 1927-1984 (Box 7-15, 17; 8.6 linear feet)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Abstract expressionism
- Art -- Economic aspects
- Painters -- New York (State)

Types of Materials:
- Interviews
- Motion pictures (visual works)
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Sketchbooks
- Sound recordings
Transcripts
Video recordings

Names:

Benton, Thomas Hart, 1889-1975
Betty Parsons Gallery
Brooks, James, 1906-1992
Burkhardt, Rudy
Cavaliere, Barbara
Davis, Bill
De Kooning, Willem, 1904-1997
Dehner, Dorothy, 1901-1994
Eames, Ray
Forge, Andrew
Friedman, B. H. (Bernard Harper), 1926-
Glaser, Jane R.
Gray, Cleve
Greenberg, Clement, 1909-1994
Gruen, John
Holmes, Doloris
Isaacs, Reginald R., 1911-
Janis, Sidney, 1896-
Johnson, Philip, 1906-2005
Kadish, Reuben, 1913-1992
Maddox, Charles
Martha Jackson Gallery
Matter, Mercedes
McCoy, Sanford, Mrs.
Miller, Daniel
Miller, Robert, 1932 Apr. 17-
Motherwell, Robert
Namuth, Hans
Ossorio, Alfonso, 1916-1990
Pollock, Charles C.
Pollock, Jackson, 1912-1956 -- Photographs
Rose, Barbara
Rouche, Burton
Smith, Tony, 1912-
Still, Clyfford, 1904-
Valliere, James
Wasserman, Tamara E.
Wright, William
Zogbaum, Wilfrid, 1915-1965
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7.4 Linear feet (Box 1-7, 16, OV 18, FC 19-22)

This series contains Jackson Pollock's papers and Lee Krasner's papers about managing Jackson Pollock's artistic legacy. Biographical material includes artist statements and notes, a transcript of an interview with William Wright and the original audio recording, Pollock's birth certificate, and his passport. Correspondence, both personal and professional and spanning 55 years, includes Pollock's and Krasner's correspondence with museums, gallery owners, biographers, students, fans, family, and fellow artists. Correspondents include, among others, Pollock's teacher Thomas Hart Benton and friends Reginald Isaacs, Clyfford Still, Alfonso Ossorio, and Tony Smith. Writings about Pollock include drafts of essays, articles, lectures, and biographies and include essays by Lee Krasner and Clement Greenberg.

James Valliere extensive research files on Pollock for a never-published biography were given to Krasner. The files include scattered research notes, an inventory of Pollock's library, correspondence with Lee Krasner, and Pollock's family and friends, including Charles Pollock, Thomas Hart Benton, and Robert Motherwell. There are also transcripts of interviews Valliere conducted with Pollock's friends and colleagues, including James Brooks, Dorothy Dehner, Clement Greenberg, Reuben Kadish, Lee Krasner, Charles Maddox, Mrs. Sanford McCoy, Daniel T. Miller, Robert Miller, and Tony Smith. The original audio reels and duplicate tapes for many of the transcripts are filed here. There are photographs of two of the interview sessions. Audio recordings for which there are no transcripts are filed in series 1.10 Audio and Video Recordings and Film.

Business records primarily concern Lee Krasner's handling of the exhibition and sale of Pollock's artwork after his death. Included are a guest book for the Venice "Bienale", exhibition lists, account statements and inventory lists, lists of owners of his work, appraisal documents, legal documents, receipts, and other miscellaneous records. Printed material consists of book proofs, numerous newspaper and magazine clippings spanning forty years, and as well as exhibition catalogs, announcements, and invitations to solo and group exhibitions. This series also includes two scrapbooks kept by Pollock and Krasner of news clippings and exhibition announcements, and one sketchbook by an unidentified artist.

Numerous rare photographs found in this series include those of Pollock as a child, with his family and friends, with Lee Krasner, and at work in his Long Island studio, some of which were taken by photographers Hans Namuth and Rudy Burckhardt. Also found are photographs of exhibitions of Pollock's artwork. Audio and video recordings and film in this series include the motion picture film "Jackson Pollock: A Reconsideration," VHS copies of same, and several untranscribed reel-to-reel audio recordings of interviews about Pollock with Alfonso Ossorio, Willem De Kooning, Ruth and Tino Nivola, and Burton Rouche conducted by James Valliere during his research. Audio recordings of interviews with transcripts are filed with Valliere's research files in 1.4.

This series is arranged into 10 subseries:

- 1.1: Biographical Material, circa 1938-1956
- 1.2: Correspondence, circa 1929-1984
- 1.3: Writings by Others, 1950-circa 1983
- 1.4: James Valliere Research Material on Jackson Pollock, 1963-1972
- 1.5: Business Records, circa 1942-1983
- 1.6: Printed Material, 1942-1983
- 1.7: Scrapbooks, 1943-1957
- 1.8: Artwork by Others, undated
• 1.9: Photographs, circa 1914-1969
• 1.10: Audio and Video Recordings and Film, 1964, 1966

This series has been scanned in its entirety, except for photographs of works of art, copy prints and negatives, motion picture film, published books, and a few folders of newscuttings. All of the sound recordings in this series have also been digitized for research access.

1.1: Biographical Material, circa 1938-1956

Biographical material includes eleven folders of biographical statements and various notes by Pollock, as well as identification items such as his birth certificate and passport. Also found is an audio recording and transcript of a 1949 interview of Pollock by his neighbor William Wright.

Box 1, Folder 1
Biographical Statements, circa 1947-1956
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 2
Birth Certificate Copy, 1938
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 3
Notes by Pollock, circa 1949, undated
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 4
Passport, 1955
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 5
Selective Service Form, 1945
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 6
Social Security Card, 1954
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 7-11
Jackson Pollock Interview by William Wright, 1949
2 Sound tape reels (Duplicates)
1 Sound tape reel (Includes transcript ; Original)
2 Sound cassettes (Duplicates)
Image(s)

Sound cassettes are access copies.

1.2: Correspondence, circa 1929-1984

Correspondence prior to 1956 is Jackson Pollock's, and correspondence after 1956 is Lee Krasner's concerning Pollock's artwork and estate. Correspondence is with galleries and museums that exhibited Pollock's work, including several folders concerning exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art. There is fan mail, student inquiries, requests for reproductions, and correspondence concerning restoration work. Correspondents of note include Thomas Hart Benton, Tony Smith, Reginald Isaacs, Clyfford Still, and Alfonso Ossorio, gallery owners Betty Parsons, Sidney Janis, and Martha Jackson, and biographers B.H. Friedman, Francis O'Connor, and Bryan Robertson. Also found are condolence letters and flower cards to Lee Krasner after Pollock's death. There is also a 1936 letter to Pollock from David Alfaro Siqueiros and postcards from Helen Frankenthaler and Clement Greenberg.
Files are arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent or subject.

Box 1, Folder 12  Arts Council of Great Britain, 1977-1978
  Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 13  Baltimore Museum of Art, 1968
  Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 14  Benton, Thomas Hart, 1935-1938, undated
  Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 15  Betty Parsons Gallery, 1949-1953, undated
  Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 16-17  Centre George Pompidou, 1977-1984
  (2 folders)
  Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 18-22  Condolence Letters, 1956, (5 folders)
  Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 23  Condolence Flower Cards, 1956
  (not scanned)

Box 1, Folder 24  Dallas Museum for Contemporary Arts, 1959
  Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 25  De Lazlo, Violet, 1941
  Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 26  Davis, Bill, 1948-1952
  Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 27-30  Dickler, Gerald, 1956-1979
  (4 folders)
  Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 31-32  Exhibitions and Artwork Loans, 1950-1984
(2 folders)
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 33  Fan Mail to Pollock, 1948-circa 1955
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 34  Fogg Museum of Art, 1964
Image(s)

Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 36  Gibbs, David, 1960-1964
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 37  Heller, Ben, 1955-1963, 1982
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 38  Henderson, Joseph, 1967-1971
Image(s)

Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 40  Institute of Contemporary Art, 1979-1980
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 41  Isaacs, Reginald, 1949-1955
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 42  Jackson Pollock Catalogue Raisonne, 1971-1981
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 43  Jackson, Martha, 1955
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 44  Janis, Sidney, 1943, 1953-1976
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 45  Kluger, Richard (Simon & Schuster), 1966-1967
Box 1, Folder 46  Krasner, Lee (Correspondence with Pollock), 1943, 1956
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 47  Kulicke Frames, Inc., 1958-1968
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 48  Langhorne, Elizabeth, 1976-1980
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 49  Lawsuit filed by Peggy Guggenheim, 1960-1964
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 50  Littlefield, William H., 1967
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 51-54  Marlborough Fine Art, Ltd., 1961-1976
(4 folders)
Image(s)
Image(s)
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Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 55  McCoy, Jason, 1980-1984
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 56  Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1966, 1980-1983, undated
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 57  Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, 1976-1978
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 58  Museum of Modern Art, "Jackson Pollock" Exhibition, 1956-1957
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 59  Museum of Modern Art, VI Bienal, Sao Paulo, 1957
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 60  Museum of Modern Art, "Jackson Pollock: 1912-1956" International Exhibition, 1957-1959
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 61  Museum of Modern Art, "New American Painting,", 1958-1959
Box 1, Folder 62  Museum of Modern Art, "Documenta II", 1959


Box 2, Folder 1  Museum of Modern Art, "Jackson Pollock" Exhibition, 1966-1967

Box 2, Folder 2-3  Museum of Modern Art, Miscellaneous, 1949-1983

Box 2, Folder 4  Namuth, Hans, 1963-1983

Box 2, Folder 5  O'Connor, Francis V., 1957, 1964-1980, undated

Box 2, Folder 6  Ossorio, Alfonso, 1950-1955, 1965

Box 2, Folder 7  Painting Restoration, 1957-1959, 1966-1976

Box 2, Folder 8  Pollock Family, 1929-1980

Box 2, Folder 9  Putzel, Howard (Art of this Century), 1942-1945

Box 2, Folder 10-12  Requests for Reproductions and Use of Pollock Images, 1952-1984

Box 2, Folder 13  Robertson, Bryan, 1959-1960, 1977

Box 2, Folder 14  Rubin, William, 1979-1983
1.3: Writings by Others, 1950-circa 1983, undated

Found here are essays, articles, lectures, and biographies about Jackson Pollock. There is an original draft of the Bryan Robertson biography of Jackson Pollock, an essay by Clement Greenberg, and an essay written by Lee Krasner after Pollock's death which discusses his career, personal life, and their relationship.
Items are arranged alphabetically by author's last name.

Box 2, Folder 33  Bruno Alfieri, "L'Arte Moderna: A Short Talk on The Pictures of Jackson Pollock," , undated
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 34  Lance Compa, "Jackson Pollock: Art and Cosmos," , undated
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 35  Francine du Plessix and Cleve Gray, "Who Was Jackson Pollock," , undated
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 36  Marilyn G. Foley, "Jackson Pollock: Where the Action Is," , circa 1967
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 37  B.H. Friedman, "Sketches for a Portrait: Jackson Pollock," , 1955
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 38  Robert Goodnough, "Jackson Pollock," , 1951
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 39  Clement Greenberg, "Jackson Pollock," , circa 1957
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 40  Stanley Harrison, "Lavender Mist by Jackson Pollock: A Critique," , circa 1966
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 41  Lee Krasner, "Pollock," , undated
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 42  Rosalind E. Krauss, Untitled Essay, circa 1981
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 43  Krauss/Namuth, Untitled Essay, circa 1977
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 44  London Exhibition Catalog, draft copy, 1961
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 45  John Bernard Myers, Review of Jackson Pollock: The Last Sketchbook, circa 1983
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 46  Francis O'Connor, "Hans Namuth's Photographs of Jackson Pollock as Art Historical Documentation", , undated
1.4: James Valliere Research Material on Jackson Pollock, 1963-1972

James Valliere was a graduate student at the University of New Hampshire who was employed in 1963 by Lee Krasner to begin researching Pollock's early career and compile a general catalog of his work. Valliere never published the results of his research and the materials were kept by Lee Krasner. Found here is correspondence between Valliere and Lee Krasner, as well as Valliere's research correspondence with other family members, and Pollock's friends and colleagues. There is correspondence with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pollock, Sanford McCoy (Pollock's brother), Jay Pollock, Thomas Hart Benton, Robert Motherwell, and the Art Students League of New York. Also found are transcripts and audio recordings of interviews conducted by Valliere with those who knew Pollock well, including James Brooks, Reuben Kadish, Tony Smith, Clement Greenberg, and Pollock's sister-in-law Mrs. Sanford (Arloie) McCoy wherein she reads several letters Jackson wrote to his father from New York. Also included in this series are some of Valliere's research notes and photographs of James Brooks, and Pollock's friend Daniel Miller taken during their interviews. Untranscribed audio recordings of interviews are filed in series 1.10: Audio and Video Recordings and Film.

All of the sound recordings in this series have been digitized for research access.
1.5: Business Records, circa 1942-1983

Business records document Lee Krasner's handling of Pollock's estate and exhibition of his artwork after his death. Found here are miscellaneous business records, including price lists, lists of items loaned for exhibitions, warehouse and shipping receipts, conservation receipts, and other handwritten notes. There are lists of owners of paintings and exhibitions, a guest book from the Venice "Biennale, and a complete appraisal of 37 Jackson Pollock drawings. There is also a folder of account statements and inventory lists.
from the Marlborough Gallery. Legal Documents include a deposition by Francis O'Connor regarding his
interviews with Pollock's therapist, Dr. Joseph Henderson.

Box 3, Folder 12-13  Miscellaneous Business Records, 1957-1983, undated
                  (2 folders; partially scanned)
                  Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 14   List of Owners of Paintings, undated
                   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 15   Exhibition Lists, 1942-1959
                   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 16   Guest Book, Venice "Biennale," 1950
                   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 17   Marlborough Gallery Account with the Pollock Estate, 1969-1975
                   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 18   Legal Documents, Francis O'Connor Deposition, 1975
                   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 19   Appraisal of Jackson Pollock Drawings, 1983
                   Image(s)

1.6: Printed Material, 1942-1983

Printed materials include books and book proofs, such as a small book in Italian critiquing Pollock's work
and proofs for two biographies by Frank O'Hara and Bryan Robertson, magazines with feature articles
on Pollock, and numerous newspaper and magazine clippings spanning forty years. Also found are
exhibition catalogs, posters, press releases, announcements, and invitations for both Pollock's solo and
group exhibitions.

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Box 3, Folder 23   Book Proof, Betty Parsons Gallery Catalog, 1951
                   (not scanned)
(not scanned)

Box 3, Folder 25  Book Proof, Museum of Modern Art Jackson Pollock Exhibition Catalog, 1967
(not scanned)

Box 3, Folder 26  Book Proof, Frank O'Hara, Jackson Pollock, 1959
(not scanned)

Box 3, Folder 27  Book Proof, Bryan Robertson, Jackson Pollock, 1959-1960
(not scanned)

Box 3, Folder 28  Book Proofs, unidentified, circa 1964
(not scanned)

Box 3, Folder 29-34  Clippings, 1943-1951, undated
(6 folders)
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 1-7  Clippings, 1952-1960
(7 folders)
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 8-13  Clippings, 1961-1970
(6 folders; Oversized items in Box 16, F1)
Image(s)

Box 4, Folder 14-19  Clippings, 1971-1983
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(6 folders)

Box 4, Folder 20-22  Clippings, Beaubourg Exhibition, 1982
(3 folders; in french)

Box 4, Folder 23  Clippings, Reviews of *Jackson Pollock* by Bryan Robertson, 1960-1961


Box 4, Folder 25-26  Exhibition Announcements and Invitations, 1944-1964, 1974-1983, undated
(2 folders)

Box 4, Folder 27-31  Exhibition Catalogs, Solo Exhibitions, 1943-1979
(5 folders)

Box 4, Folder 32  Exhibition Catalogs, Group Exhibitions, 1942-1949

Box 5, Folder 1-14  Exhibition Catalogs, Group Exhibitions, 1950-1970
(14 folders)

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Box 6, Folder 1-2
Exhibition Catalogs, Group Exhibitions, 1971-1977
(2 folders)
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 3
Exhibition Posters, 1950-1980
(Oversized items in OV 18)

Box 6, Folder 4
Magazines, *LIFE*, 1949, 1959
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 5-6
(2 folders; not scanned)
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 7
Press Releases for Pollock Exhibitions, 1976-1981
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 8
Miscellaneous Printed Material, 1974-1983, undated
(not scanned)

Box 16, Folder 1
Clippings, 1967
(Scanned with Box 4, F8-13)

Box OV 18
Exhibition Posters, 1950-1980
(See also Box 6, F3; not scanned)

### 1.7: Scrapbooks, 1943-1957

Two scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings, magazine clippings, and exhibition announcements. One was created by Pollock and Krasner, and the other was created by Krasner in the years following Pollock's death.

Box 16, Folder 2
Scrapbook, 1943-1949
Box 16, Folder 3  Scrapbook kept by Lee Krasner, 1956-1957  
Image(s)

1.8: Artwork by Others, undated
Found here is one sketchbook containing primarily ink drawings and diagrams by an unidentified artist.

Box 6, Folder 9  Sketchbook by Unidentified Artist, undated  
Image(s)

1.9: Photographs, circa 1914-1969
Found here are extensive photographs of Pollock. There are many photographs of Pollock as a child and teenager and with his family, of Pollock with Lee Krasner in the studio, outdoors, at their home on Long Island, and with family and friends, including photographs from a 1950 Pollock family reunion held at their home. Also found are exhibition photographs, including his 1951 solo exhibition at Betty Parsons Gallery, as well as photos of Pollock's studio, and a few other miscellaneous images. Several of the photographs of Pollock in his studio were taken by Herbert Matter, Hans Namuth, and Rudy Burckhardt. Photographs taken by Herbert Matter were previously incorrectly attributed to Wilfrid Zogbaum. Significant figures photographed with Pollock include Clement Greenberg, Helen Frankenthaler, James Brooks, and David Alfaro Siqueiros. There are also numerous photographs and slides of Pollock's works of art that have not been scanned. Photographs are arranged according to subject and chronologically within each folder.

Box 6, Folder 10  Portraits of Jackson Pollock, 1943-circa 1955, undated  
(Oversized items in Box 16, F4)  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 11  Portraits of Jackson Pollock by Hans Namuth, 1950  
(Oversized items in Box 16, F5)  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 12-13  Portraits of Jackson Pollock, Copy Prints and Negatives, 1943-circa 1955  
(2 folders; not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 14  Jackson Pollock in His Studio by Herbert Matter, 1947  
(Oversized items in Box 16, F6)  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 15  Jackson Pollock in His Studio by Rudy Burckhardt, 1950  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 16  Jackson Pollock in His Studio by Hans Namuth, 1950  
(Oversized items in Box 16, F7)  
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 17  Jackson Pollock in His Studio, Copy Prints and Negatives, circa 1947, 1950
Box 6, Folder 18  Jackson Pollock and Family, circa 1914-1930, undated
   Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 19  Jackson Pollock and Family, Copy Prints and Negatives, circa 1914-1930, undated
   (not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 20-21  Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner, circa 1946-1955
   (2 folders; Oversized items in Box 16, F8)
   Image(s)
   Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 22  Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner, Copy Prints and Negatives, circa 1946-1955
   (not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 23-24  Pollock and Krasner with Friends and Family, 1936-1956
   (2 folders)
   Image(s)
   Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 25  Pollock and Krasner with Friends and Family, Copy Prints and Negatives, 1936-1956
   (not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 26  Pollock Family Reunion, 1950
   Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 27  Pollock Family Reunion, Copy Prints and Negatives, 1950
   (not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 28  Pollock-Krasner Studio by Maurice Berezov, undated
   Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 29  Exhibition, Betty Parsons Gallery, 1951
   (Oversized items in Box 16, F9-11)
   Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 30  Exhibition, Betty Parsons Gallery, Copy Prints and Negatives, 1951
   (not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 31  Exhibition, Bennington College, 1952
   Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 32  Exhibitions, Sidney Janis Gallery, 1952-1958
Box 6, Folder 33  Exhibitions, Unidentified, 1958, undated
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 34-35  Exhibition, Kunstverein fur die Rheinlande und Westfalen, 1961
(2 folders)
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 36  Exhibition, Moderna Museet, circa 1963
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 37-38  Exhibitions, Marlborough Gallery of Art, 1964, 1969, undated
(2 folders)
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 39  Exhibitions, Museum of Modern Art, 1969, undated
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 40  Miscellaneous Photographs, 1942-1948, undated
Image(s)

Box 6, Folder 41  Miscellaneous Photographs, Copy Prints and Negatives, 1942-1948, undated
(not scanned)

Box 6, Folder 42  Artwork, 1969, undated
(not scanned)

Box 7, Folder 1  Slides of Artwork, 1950, undated
(not scanned)

Box 7, Folder 2  Color Transparencies of Pollock Artwork Owned by Lee Krasner, undated
(not scanned)

Box 7, Folder 3  Stereo Transparencies of Pollock-Krasner Studio, undated
(not scanned)

Box 7, Folder 4  Safety Negatives, undated
(not scanned)

Box 16, Folder 4  Portraits of Jackson Pollock, 1943-circa 1955, undated
(Scanned with Box 6, F10)

Box 16, Folder 5  Portraits of Jackson Pollock by Hans Namuth, 1950
Box 16, Folder 6  Jackson Pollock in His Studio by Herbert Matter, 1947
(Scanned with Box 6, F14)

Box 16, Folder 7  Jackson Pollock in His Studio by Hans Namuth, 1950
(Scanned with Box 6, F16)

Box 16, Folder 8  Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner, circa 1946-1955
(2 folders; Scanned with Box 6, F20-21)

Box 16, Folder 9-11  Exhibition, Betty Parsons Gallery, 1951
(Scanned with Box 6, F29)

1.10: Audio and Video Recordings and Film, 1964, 1966
This subseries contains a 16 mm film about Pollock, entitled, "Jackson Pollock: A Reconsideration," including a reel of outtakes, produced in 1964 by Channel 13 WNDT, the Educational Broadcasting Corporation. There are also VHS copies of the film. Also found are untranscribed audio recordings of interviews conducted by James Valliere while he was researching Pollock's early career and artwork for a never-published book on Pollock. Interviews are with artists Willem De Kooning and Alfonso Ossorio, and Pollock's friends Burton Rouche. Researchers should also see Series 1.4: James Valliere Research Material on Jackson Pollock for additional recordings of interviews with transcripts.

All of the sound recordings in this series have been digitized for research access. Video access copies of the films are also available.

Box FC 19  "Jackson Pollock: A Reconsideration," 1964
1 Film reel (16 mm)

Box FC 20;  "Jackson Pollock: A Reconsideration," Outtakes, 1964
Box FC 21;  3 Film reels (3 reels in 2 film cans; 16 mm)
Box FC 22 1 Film reel (35 mm)

Box 7, Folder 5  "Jackson Pollock: A Reconsideration", 1964
1 videocassettes (vhs)
Video is access copy for motion picture film.

Box 7, Folder 6  "Jackson Pollock: A Reconsideration," Outtakes, 1964
1 videocassettes (vhs)
File includes lab records and original envelope found with film
Video is access copy for motion picture film.

Box 7, Folder 7  Willem De Kooning interview with James Valliere, 1966
1 Sound tape reel

Box 7, Folder 8-10  Alfonso Ossorio interview with James Valliere, 1966
2 Sound cassettes (Duplicates)
1 Sound tape reel (Duplicate)
1 Sound tape reel (Original)

Sound cassettes are access copies.

Box 7, Folder 11
Ruth and Tino Nivola interview with James Valliere, 1966
1 Sound tape reel

Box 7, Folder 12
Burton Rouche interview with James Valliere, 1966
1 Sound tape reel
Series 2: Lee Krasner Papers, circa 1927-1984

8.6 Linear feet (Box 7-15, 17)

This series consists primarily of papers documenting Lee Krasner's artistic career and personal life during the last twenty years of her life. The bulk of the material dates from 1964 to 1984. Biographical material documents Krasner's family background, education, and career through chronologies, awards, resumes, exhibition lists, bibliographies, address books, and mementoes from Krasner's 1965 trip to England. Professional and personal correspondence is with gallery owners, curators, art historians and critics, students, fans, family, and fellow artists such as Cleve Gray, Alfonso Ossorio, and Philip Johnson.

There are thirteen transcripts of interviews with Krasner conducted by art historians and journalists. The interviews discuss Krasner's life and career, the art scene in New York, and her relationship with Jackson Pollock. Original audio recordings exist for many of the interviews and are filed in 2.10, Audio and Video Recordings. Writings by others consist of draft essays about Krasner and her artwork; writings by Lee Krasner consist of handwritten lecture notes and notes containing reminiscences. Business and financial records consist of loan forms, sales lists, guest lists, exhibition checklists, and other miscellaneous materials. Krasner's papers also include one scrapbook of news clippings and photographs from her 1965 Whitechapel exhibition.

Printed material consists of exhibition materials for Krasner's solo and group shows, event announcements, programs, numerous newspaper and magazine clippings, and faculty materials for her work at the Cooper Union. Numerous photographs include photographs of Krasner with Pollock, family, and friends, and photos of her home and studio. The majority of photographs are professional portraits of Krasner taken throughout her career, including portraits by Hans Namuth. Also found are photographs of Krasner at exhibitions, exhibition installations, and photographs of her artwork. Audio and video recordings include Krasner interviews, recorded radio and television shows, lectures, and a VHS recording of "Pollock a Beaubourg. Transcripts for many of the interviews are filed in Series 2.3.

The Lee Krasner Papers series is arranged into 10 subseries:

- 2.1: Biographical Material, circa 1927-1983
- 2.2: Correspondence, circa 1941-1984
- 2.3: Interview Transcripts, circa 1965-1979
- 2.4: Writings by Others, circa 1965-1981
- 2.5: Writings by Lee Krasner, circa 1977-1979
- 2.7: Scrapbook, 1965
- 2.8: Printed Material, circa 1942-1984
- 2.9: Photographs, circa 1929-1983
- 2.10: Audio and Video Recordings, circa 1964-1983

The arrangement is based primarily on the original microfilm arrangement.

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The bulk of this series has been scanned from microfilm. All of the sound recordings in this series have also been digitized for research access.

2.1: Biographical Material, circa 1927-1983

Found here are Lee Krasner's genealogical notes, school transcripts, certificate of marriage to Jackson Pollock, and Who's Who biographies. Also included are resumes and artist statements, chronologies, exhibition lists, bibliographies, and address books. Awards and certificates include an award medal for the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. There are also mementos such as brochures, receipts, programs, and letters, from her 1965 visit to England for the Whitechapel Gallery exhibition.

Box 7, Folder 13  Biographical Documents, 1927-1967, undated
  Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 14  Biographical Data and Chronologies, 1964-1983, undated
  Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 15  Exhibition Lists, 1965-1977
  Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 16  Bibliographies, 1983, undated
  Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 17  Award Medals, 1977, 1982
  Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 18  Award Ceremony Programs, 1977, 1980
  Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 19  Award Certificates, 1972-1982
  (Oversized items in Box 17, F1)
  Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 20  Address Books, undated
  Image(s)

Box 7, Folder 21-22  "Personal Mementos from England Trip", 1965
  (2 folders)
  Image(s)
  Image(s)

Box 17, Folder 1  Award Certificates, 1982
  (Scanned with Box 9, F19)

2.2: Correspondence, circa 1941-1984
Lee Krasner’s correspondence spans over forty years, but the bulk of it ranges from 1970 to her death in 1984. Found here is correspondence with galleries and gallery owners that represented her, exhibited her work, or requested her work for potential exhibitions. Krasner was friends with many artists and art professionals and her personal correspondence includes many letters from artists such as Philip Johnson, Ray Eames, Cleve Gray, and Hans Namuth. She also corresponded with art historians and critics, curators, collectors, arts and social organizations, admirers, and family members. Additionally, this series includes fan mail, student inquiries, correspondence with journalists and publishers, requests for her to lecture, and business correspondence on the sale of her work. There are numerous letters and telegrams congratulating Krasner on exhibitions, such as the 1965 Whitechapel retrospective and extensive documentation of her 1958 commission to create a mural for Uris Brothers, Inc.

See Index for List of Notable Correspondents from Series 2.2

Letters are arranged chronologically and include both letters received by Krasner and handwritten or typed drafts sent by Krasner. Later in her life many of the drafts were written by her secretary.

Index: List of Notable Correspondents from Series 2.2

List represents only a selection of correspondents.

- Albright-Knox Art Gallery
- American Federation of Arts
- Appelhof, Ruth Ann
- Asher, Elise
- Australian National Gallery
- Barron, Maida
- Berkson, Bill
- Collier, Oscar
- Cooper Union
- County of Nassau Office of Cultural Development
- Diamonstein, Barbaralee
- Dickler, Gerald
- Eames, Ray
- Englesmith, Tejas
- Erskine, Halley
- Forge, Andrew (Yale University)
- Franklin Siden Gallery
- Friedman, B. H.
- Friedman, Sanford
- Glaser, Bruce
- Goodman, Naomi
- Gray, Cleve
- Gregory-Hood, Alex (Rowan Gallery)
- Guggenheim Museum
- Guild Hall
- Holladay, Billie
- Howard, Richard
- Howell, Douglas Morse
- Hubbard, E. W.
- Janie C. Lee Gallery
- Johnson, Philip
- Landau, Ellen
- Lauck, Anthony
- Lloyd, Frank
- Marlborough Fine Art, Ltd.
• Martha Jackson Gallery
• Matter, Mercedes
• McHenry, Barnabas (Barney)
• Michael, Marjorie
• Museum of Modern Art
• Myers, John Bernard
• Namuth, Hans
• Nemser, Cindy
• New York WPA Artists, Inc.
• Nochlin, Linda
• Novak, Barbara
• O'Connor, Francis
• Oppler, Ellen
• Ossorio, Alfonso
• Pace Gallery
• Parrish Art Museum
• Pavia, Philip
• Pollock, Jay
• Rago, Louise Elliott
• Robert Miller Gallery
• Robertson, Bryan
• Rose, Barbara
• Russell, Bertrand
• Schilling, Marge
• School of Visual Arts
• Sidney Janis Gallery
• Siegel, Adele
• Smithsonian Institution
• Spaeth, Elaine
• Stasik, Andrew
• Still, Clyfford
• Stony Brook Foundation
• Tate Gallery
• Thaw, Eugene V.
• Thayer, Jeanne
• Valliere, James
• Van Fossen, Ted
• Whitechapel Art Gallery
• Whitney, David
• Whitney Museum of American Art
• Wise, Howard

Box 8, Folder 1-2  Correspondence, undated
(2 folders)
Image(s)
Image(s)

Box 8, Folder 3-6  Correspondence, 1941-1960
(4 folders)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Box 8, Folder 7-15  
Correspondence, 1961-1965  
(9 folders)

Box 8, Folder 16-22  
Correspondence, 1966-1970  
(7 folders)

Box 8, Folder 23-41  
Correspondence, 1971-1976  
(19 folders)
Box 9, Folder 1-21  
Correspondence, 1977-1980  
(21 folders)

Box 9, Folder 22-41  
Correspondence, 1981-1984  
(20 folders)
2.3: Interview Transcripts, circa 1965-1979,

This subseries contains transcripts of interviews of Lee Krasner conducted by various art historians and journalists. The interviews discuss Krasner's work, the early abstract expressionist movement, her relationship with Jackson Pollock, and the "New York art world". Two of the transcripts are for broadcast interviews, including a 1979 interview with Barbara Novak for WGBH New Television Workshop, Boston. Transcripts are arranged chronologically. Audio recordings for these interviews are filed in Series 2.10.

Box 9, Folder 42  Bruce Glaser Interview, undated
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 43  Barbara Cavaliere Interview, undated
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 44  Miscellaneous Interviews, undated
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 45  Andrew Forge Interview, 1965
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 46  Emily Wasserman Interview, 1968
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 47  Barbara Rose Interview, 1972
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 48  Gaby Rogers Interview, 1977
Image(s)

Box 9, Folder 49  Barbaralee Diamonstein Interview, 1978
Image(s)

Box 10, Folder 1  Barbara Rose Interview, 1978
Image(s)

Box 10, Folder 2  Helen Weinberg Interview, 1978
Image(s)

Box 10, Folder 3  Richard Howard Interview, 1978
2.4: Writings by Others, circa 1965-1981
This subseries includes draft essays, many with annotations, about Lee Krasner and her artwork. Items are arranged chronologically.

Box 10, Folder 6  Ellen G. Landau, untitled manuscript, undated
Box 10, Folder 7  B. H. Friedman, "Lee Krasner," 1965
Box 10, Folder 8  Eleanor Munro, untitled manuscript, circa 1977
Box 10, Folder 9  Deborah Daw, "Lee Krasner: On Climbing a Mountain of Porcelain", 1979
Box 10, Folder 10 John Myers, "An Imaginary Interview with Lee Krasner", 1981

2.5: Writings by Lee Krasner, circa 1977-1979
This subseries includes a few lecture notes by Lee Krasner as well as handwritten notes about her life and memories.

Box 10, Folder 11  Personal Notes and Lectures, 1977-1979, undated

2.6: Business and Financial Records, circa 1957-1983
Scattered business and financial records date primarily from 1967 to 1983 and include exhibition checklists, conservation forms, loan forms, sales and price lists, warehouse and shipping receipts, guest lists, account statements and other handwritten lists and notes. There is documentation from the Robert Miller Gallery, Pace Gallery, the Whitney museum, and the Marlborough gallery.
Box 10, Folder 21  
Sales and Accounting Statements for Robert Miller Gallery, 1981-1982

Box 10, Folder 22-23  
Loan Forms and Checklists from "Lee Krasner Retrospective", 1983
(2 folders)

Box 10, Folder 24  

Box 10, Folder 25  
Inventories, Marlborough Gallery, 1975-1976

Box 10, Folder 26  
Inventories, Pace Gallery, 1975-1981

Box 10, Folder 27  
Inventories, Robert Miller Gallery, 1982-1983

Box 10, Folder 28  
Price Lists, 1972, undated

Box 10, Folder 29-30  
Mailing Lists, Marlborough Gallery, 1968, 1973
(2 folders)

Box 10, Folder 31  
Mailing Lists, Whitney Museum, 1973

Box 10, Folder 32  
Mailing Lists, Pace Gallery, 1977

Box 10, Folder 33  
Mailing Lists, Whitney Museum, 1978

Box 10, Folder 34-35  
Mailing Lists, Pace Gallery, 1979, 1981
(2 folders)
Image(s)

Box 10, Folder 36  Mailing Lists, Robert Miller Gallery, 1981
Image(s)

Box 10, Folder 37  Guest Lists, Robert Miller Gallery, 1982
Image(s)

2.7: Scrapbook, 1965
This scrapbook documents a 1965 exhibition of Krasner's work at Whitechapel Gallery in London. The scrapbook was created by the President of Marlborough Gallery, Pierre Leval, and includes news clippings about the event and photographs of the exhibition installation.

Box 10, Folder 38  Whitechapel Gallery Exhibition Scrapbook, 1965
Image(s)

2.8: Printed Material, circa 1942-1984
Printed material documents Lee Krasner's career and includes solo and group exhibition catalogs, announcements, press releases, and numerous newspaper and magazine clippings. There are also newsletters, event calendars, annual reports, and documentary film announcements for films about Krasner. Schedules, directories, instructions, and other faculty materials are from Krasner's semester as a faculty member at Cooper Union. Miscellaneous printed material includes primarily programs, brochures, and invitations to events. There is also an "Odds and Ends" folder. Items are arranged by type of material and chronologically within each folder.

Box 10, Folder 39  Exhibition Catalogs, undated
Image(s)

Box 10, Folder 40-42  Exhibition Catalogs, 1942-1963
(3 folders)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Image(s)

Box 11, Folder 1-7  Exhibition Catalogs, 1964-1975
(7 folders)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Box 11, Folder 8-17  
Exhibition Catalogs, 1976-1981  
(10 folders)

Box 12, Folder 1-4  
Exhibition Catalogs, 1982-1984  
(4 folders)

Box 12, Folder 5-8  
Exhibition Announcements, 1949-1984, undated  
(4 folders)

Box 12, Folder 9  
Press Releases, 1958-1983, undated

Box 12, Folder 10-11  
Miscellaneous Printed Material, 1968-1983, undated  
(2 folders)

Box 12, Folder 12  
Documentary Film Announcements, 1972-1983

Box 12, Folder 13  
Essay, "Jackson Pollock Works on Paper", undated

Box 12, Folder 14  
Reproductions of Artwork, circa 1981-1982, undated
Box 12, Folder 15  Essay, "The American Abstract Expressionist Collection of the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation", undated
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 16-17  Newsletters, Events Calendars, and Annual Reports, 1960-1984, undated (2 folders)
Image(s)
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 18  Selected Chronology, undated
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 19  Exhibition info for "Lee Krasner at Martha Jackson", 1958
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 20  Faculty Materials, The Cooper Union, 1976
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 21  The Subject of the Artist, 1978
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 22  Exhibition Materials for "Krasner/Pollock: A Working Relationship", 1981
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 23  25 Artists, 1982
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 24  "Odds & Ends", 1969-1970, undated
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 25  New Clippings, undated
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 26-30  News Clippings, 1948-1974 (5 folders)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Image(s)
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 31-34  News Clippings, 1975-1979 (4 folders)
Image(s)
2.9: Photographs, circa 1929-1983

Lee Krasner's personal photographs and photographs of her artwork are filed here, including one of her painting in the studio and portraits of her at the WPA pier. The majority of the photographs in this subseries are professional portraits taken of Lee Krasner throughout her career. Some of the portraits depict her home and painting in her studio. Photographers of note are Hans Namuth, Renate Ponsold, and Ray Eames, and one by Irving Penn. All portraits of Krasner are grouped by photographer and arranged chronologically.

Personal and family photographs include photos of Krasner on the beach, circa 1939, and with family and friends. Photographs of Krasner with Jackson Pollock were taken at the beach, with family, and at their home in the Springs. There are also photographs of the two of them outside of their home and in the studio, taken by Wilfred Zogbaum. There are photographs of Lee Krasner at various exhibitions, including her 1973 exhibition at the Whitney Museum of American Art.

Photographs of artwork include photographs of Krasner's work in various medium, such as ink, collage, lithographs, and mosaic, as well as the artwork she did for the WPA. Photographs of artwork have not been scanned.

2.9.1: Personal Photographs, 1938-1982, undated

Box 13, Folder 11 Early Portraits of Lee Krasner, 1938-1940, undated
Box 13, Folder 12
Lee Krasner at the WPA Pier, circa 1942
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 13-14
Lee Krasner Personal and Family Photographs, circa 1939-1964, undated
(2 folders)
Image(s)
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 15-16
Lee Krasner and Jackson Pollock, circa 1950, undated
(2 folders)
Image(s)
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 17
Portraits of Krasner by Maurice Berezov, circa 1942, 1956, undated
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 18
Portraits of Krasner by Hans Namuth, 1955, 1958, undated
(Oversized items in Box 17, F2)
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 19
Portraits of Krasner by Halley Erskine, 1959
(Oversized items in Box 17, F3)
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 20
Portraits of Krasner by Paul De Vries, circa 1960-1961
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 21
Portraits of Krasner by Paul De Vries, circa 1960-1961

Box 13, Folder 22
Portraits of Krasner by Hans Namuth, 1962
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 23
Portraits of Krasner by Ray Eames, 1965
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 24
Portraits of Krasner by Bryan Wharton, 1965
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 25
Portraits of Krasner by Bob Miller, 1968
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 26
Portraits of Krasner by Mark Patiky, 1970
Box 13, Folder 27  Portraits of Krasner by John Reed, circa 1970 Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 28  Portraits of Krasner by Irving Penn, 1972
\[(Oversized items in Box 17, F5)\] Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 29  Portraits of Krasner by Iris Schneider, 1973 Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 30  Portraits of Krasner by David Gahr, 1973 Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 31  Portraits of Krasner by Ann Chwatsky, circa 1975 Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 32  Portraits of Krasner by Marjorie Michael, 1975 Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 33  Portraits of Krasner by Ray Eames, 1976 Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 34  Portraits of Krasner by Lenore Seroka, circa 1977 Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 35  Portraits of Krasner by Renate Ponsold, 1977 Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 36  Portraits of Krasner by Jesse Fernandez, circa 1979 Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 37  Portraits of Krasner by Ernst Hans, 1981 Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 38  Portraits of Krasner by Waintrob-Budd, 1981
\[(Oversized items in Box 17, F6)\] Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 39-40  Portraits of Krasner, Miscellaneous, 1950-1982, undated
\[(2 folders; Oversized items in Box 17, F7)\] Image(s)
Box 13, Folder 41  
Lee Krasner's Home by Ray Eames, 1963  
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 42-43  
Lee Krasner's Home by Jesse Fernandez, 1973, 1979, undated  
(2 folders)  
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 44  
Exhibition, University of Alabama, 1969  
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 45  
Exhibition, Whitney Museum, 1973  
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 46  
Exhibition, Brandeis University, 1975  
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 47  
Exhibition, "Around Jackson Pollock: East Hampton, the 1950s", 1979  
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 48  
Exhibition, Centre Georges Pompidou, 1982  
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 49  
Exhibitions, Miscellaneous, 1974, undated  
Image(s)

Box 17, Folder 2  
Portraits of Krasner by Hans Namuth, 1955, 1958, undated  
(Scanned with Box 13, F18)

Box 17, Folder 3  
Portraits of Krasner by Halley Erskine, 1959  
(Scanned with Box 13, F19)

Box 17, Folder 4  
Portraits of Krasner by Mark Patiky, 1970  
(Scanned with Box 13, F26)

Box 17, Folder 5  
Portraits of Krasner by Irving Penn, 1972  
(Scanned with Box 13, F28)

Box 17, Folder 6  
Portraits of Krasner by Waintrob-Budd, 1981  
(Scanned with Box 13, F38)

Box 17, Folder 7  
Portraits of Krasner, Miscellaneous, 1950-1982, undated  
(Scanned with Box 13, F39-40)
2.9.2: Photographs of Artwork, 1929-1983, undated

(not scanned)

Box 13, Folder 50  Charcoal Drawings, 1937-1939
Box 13, Folder 51  Oil on Paper, 1938
Box 13, Folder 52  Early Abstractions, 1938-1943
Box 13, Folder 53  Artwork for the WPA, circa 1940-1942
                          Image(s)
Box 14, Folder 1-2  Little Image Paintings, 1946-1950
                           (2 folders)
Box 14, Folder 3    Ink Paintings, 1950-1958
Box 14, Folder 4-11 Paintings, 1942-1965, undated
                           (8 folders; Oversized items in Box 17, F8)
Box 14, Folder 12  Mosaic Table, 1947
                           (Oversized items in Box 17, F9)
Box 14, Folder 13  Studies for Mosaic Project, 1959
Box 14, Folder 14-16 Collages, 1953-1979
                           (3 folders)
Box 14, Folder 17  Lithographs, 1962-1963
Box 14, Folder 18-19 Miscellaneous Artwork by Lee Krasner, 1929-1935, undated
                           (2 folders)
Box 14, Folder 20  Unidentified Artwork, undated
Box 14, Folder 21  Stable Gallery Collage Exhibition, 1955
                           (Oversized items in Box 17, F10)
Box 14, Folder 22  Howard Wise Gallery Exhibition, 1962
Box 14, Folder 23  Marlborough Gallery Exhibition, 1968
Box 14, Folder 24-25 Marlborough Gallery Exhibition, 1969
                           (2 folders)
Box 14, Folder 26  
University of Alabama Exhibition, 1969

Box 14, Folder 27  
Reese Palley Gallery Exhibition, 1969

Box 14, Folder 28  
Marlborough Gallery Exhibition, 1973

Box 14, Folder 29  
Whitney Museum Exhibition, 1973

Box 14, Folder 30  
Janie C. Lee Gallery Exhibition, 1978

Box 14, Folder 31  
Pace Gallery Exhibition, 1979

Box 14, Folder 32  
Janie C. Lee Gallery Exhibition, 1981

Box 14, Folder 33  
Nassau County Museum of Art Exhibition, 1981

Box 14, Folder 34  
Grey Art Gallery Exhibition, 1981

Box 14, Folder 35  
Guild Hall Exhibition, 1981

Box 14, Folder 36  
Pace Gallery Exhibition, 1981

Box 14, Folder 37  
Tate Gallery Exhibition, 1983

Box 14, Folder 38  
Unidentified Exhibitions, 1954-1959, 1976, undated

Box 14, Folder 39  
Drawing by Tony Smith, 1945-1946

Box 14, Folder 40  
Miscellaneous Proof Sheets, undated

Box 14, Folder 41  
Negatives, undated

Box 15, Folder 1-3  
Color Transparencies, 1938-1972, undated
(3 folders)

Box 17, Folder 8  
Paintings, 1942-1962, undated
(See also Box 14, F4-11)

Box 17, Folder 9  
Mosaic Table, 1947
(See also Box 14, F12)

Box 17, Folder 10  
Stable Gallery Collage Exhibition, 1955
(See also Box 14, F21)
2.10: Audio and Video Recordings, circa 1964-1983

This subseries consists primarily of audio recordings of interviews with Lee Krasner that discuss her career, her relationship with Jackson Pollock, and Pollock’s career. The recordings include interviews conducted by John Gruen for the Casper Citron radio show, one for the Martha Dean radio show, and one for the “Today Show”. Another interview of note was conducted by fellow artist Mercedes Matter. Transcripts for most of these interviews are filed in Series 2.3.

Also found in this series are two recorded lectures given by Lee Krasner, and two copies VHS video recordings about Pollock and a 1982 exhibition of his work, “Pollock a Beaubourg”. Items are arranged chronologically.

All of the sound recordings in this series have been digitized for research access.

Box 15, Folder 4
Lee Krasner Lecture at Nassau County Museum of Art, undated
1 Sound cassette

Box 15, Folder 5
Bruce Glaser Interview of Lee Krasner, undated
1 Sound tape reel (Includes letter from Glaser and notes.)

Box 15, Folder 6
Mercedes Matter Interview of Lee Krasner, undated
1 Sound tape reel (Original)
1 sound discs (cd) (Duplicate)
CD is access copy.

Box 15, Folder 7-9
John Gruen Interview of Lee Krasner, 1964
2 sound discs (lacquer) (Original)
1 Sound tape reel (Duplicate)
2 Sound cassettes (Duplicates)
Cassettes are access copies.

Box 15, Folder 10-11
Martha Dean Radio Show Interview of Lee Krasner, 1968
1 Sound cassette (Duplicate)
1 Sound tape reel (Original)
Cassette is access copy.

Box 15, Folder 12
Dolores Holmes Interview of Lee Krasner, 1971
1 Sound tape reel

Box 15, Folder 13
NBC "Today Show" Interview of Lee Krasner, 1973
1 Sound tape reel

Box 15, Folder 13
Lee Krasner Appearance on the 6PM News, 1973 November
1 Sound tape reel

Box 15, Folder 14
Sarah Faunce Interview of Lee Krasner, 1977
1 Sound tape reel

Box 15, Folder 15
Lee Krasner lecture at Queens College, 1977 May 23
1 Sound cassette

Lee Krasner lecture at the Susanne Hilberry Gallery, 1977 November 21
1 Sound cassette

Box 15, Folder 16  WQXR Radio Interview of Lee Krasner, 1980
1 Sound cassette

Box 15, Folder 17  Unidentified Interview with Lee Krasner, undated
1 Sound cassette (Poor sound quality at first; improves around 36 min.)

Box 15, Folder 17  Unidentified radio interview with Lee Krasner, Robert Indiana, and Paul Jenkins, 1976
1 Sound cassette

Box 15, Folder 18-19  "Pollock a Beaubourg", 1982-1983
1 videocassettes (u-matic)
1 videocassettes (vhs)

Box 17  John Gruen Interview of Lee Krasner, 1964
2 sound discs (lacquer)
(See also Box 15, F9)