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## A Finding Aid to the Fairfield Porter Papers, 1888-2001 (bulk 1924-1975), in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Fairfield Porter papers
<b>Date:</b>	1888-2001 (bulk 1924-1975)
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.portfair
<b>Creator:</b>	Porter, Fairfield
<b>Extent:</b>	9.3 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The papers of New York-based painter, lithographer, art critic, and poet Fairfield Porter measure 9.3 linear feet and date from 1888 to 2001, with the bulk of material dating from 1924 to 1975. Papers document Porter's life and career through correspondence, writings, business records, printed materials, photographs, and artwork.

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of Fairfield Porter were given to the Archives of American Art by the artist's wife, Anne Porter, in five separate accessions between 1977 and 1997.

### Location of Originals

Before donating the papers to the Archives, Anne Porter returned letters from Frank O'Hara to Fairfield Porter to the O'Hara estate. Letters from John Ashbery to Fairfield Porter were returned to Ashbery, and photocopies have been placed in the collection.

### Related Material

The Archives of American Art holds an oral history of Fairfield Porter conducted by Paul Cummings in 1968.

### Alternative Forms Available

The papers of **Fairfield Porter** in the Archives of American Art were digitized in 2006, and total 9,600 images.

### Processing Information

These papers were initially processed for microfilming upon their accession to the Archives on reels 1311-1314 and 2675-2676. The collection was fully re-processed, arranged, and described by Megan McShea in 2006, and the bulk of it was scanned, with funding provided by the Terra Foundation for American Art Digitization Project.

## Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

Fairfield Porter was born near Chicago in 1907, the fourth of five children of James and Ruth Furness Porter. His father was an architect, his mother a poet from a literary family, and Porter grew up in an environment where art and literature were highly valued. His father designed the family homes in Winnetka, Illinois and on Great Spruce Head Island, an island in Maine that he purchased for the family in 1912. Fairfield Porter spent summers there from the age of six, and views of the island, its structures, and neighboring towns were the subjects of many paintings.

Porter attended Harvard from 1924 to 1928, studying fine art with Arthur Pope and philosophy with Alfred North Whitehead. After graduating from Harvard, Porter moved to New York City and took studio classes at the Art Students League from 1928 until 1930, studying with Boardman Robinson and Thomas Hart Benton, and immersing himself in the art and radical politics of Greenwich Village. In the 1940s, he studied at Parson's School of Design with art restorer Jacques Maroger, adopting the Maroger recipe for an oil medium in his own painting.

To further his education as an artist, Porter traveled to Europe in 1931, where he spent time with expatriate art theorist Bernard Berenson and his circle. When he returned to New York, he allied himself with progressive, socialist organizations, and like many of his contemporaries, worked at creating socially relevant art. He did artwork for the John Reed Club, a communist group; taught drawing classes for Rebel Arts, a socialist arts organization; wrote for their magazine, *Arise!*; and created a mural for the Queens branch of the Socialist Party. Living in the Chicago area for several years in the 1930s, he illustrated chapbooks for the socialist poet John Wheelwright's *Poems for a Dime* and *Poems for Two Bits* series. Porter's financial contributions to the radical Chicago publication *Living Marxism* kept it afloat for several years.

In 1932, Porter married Anne Channing, a poet from Boston, and they settled in New York. The Porters had five children, and their first son, born in 1934, suffered from a severe form of autism. In the next decade, they had two more sons, and spent three years in Porter's hometown of Winnetka, where he had his first solo exhibition of paintings. When they returned to New York in 1939, the Porters became friends with Edwin Denby, Rudy Burkhardt, and Elaine and Willem de Kooning. Porter became an earnest admirer of Willem de Kooning's artwork and was among the first to review and purchase it.

In 1949, the Porters moved to the small, seaside town of Southampton, New York. Their two daughters were born in 1950 and 1956. Like the family home on Great Spruce Head Island, Southampton became the setting of many of Porter's paintings. In fact, almost all of his mature paintings depict family homes, surrounding landscapes, family members, and friends. Porter was an individualistic painter who embraced figurative art in the late 1940s and 1950s, when abstract expressionism was the prevailing aesthetic trend. Porter once made a comment that his commitment to figurative painting was made just to spite art critic Clement Greenberg, a respected critic and ideologue who had championed abstract expressionism and denigrated realism as *passé*.

Porter established his reputation as a painter and as a writer in the 1950s. John Bernard Myers of the vanguard Tibor de Nagy gallery gave Porter his first New York exhibition in 1951 and represented him for the next twenty years. That same year Tom Hess, editor of *ArtNews*, hired Porter to write art features and reviews. Porter went on to contribute to *ArtNews* until 1967 and also became art editor for *The Nation* beginning in 1959, the same year his article on Willem de Kooning won the Longview Foundation Award in art criticism. As a critic, Porter visited countless galleries and studios, and he gained a reputation for writing about art with the understanding and vested interest of an artist, and with the same independence from fashionable ideas that he demonstrated in his artwork.

The 1950s and 1960s were prolific years for Porter's writing and art, and saw the development of his critical ideas and the maturation of his painting. Porter enjoyed an elder status among a circle of younger artists such as Jane Freilicher, Larry Rivers, and Alex Katz, and their many poet friends, now known as the New York School of Poetry: Frank O'Hara, John Ashbery, James Schuyler, Kenneth Koch, Barbara Guest, and others. Porter himself wrote poetry and was published in the 1950s, sometimes alongside poems by his wife, who had been publishing poetry since the 1930s (twice in the vanguard Chicago journal, *Poetry*). The Porters' correspondence is laced with poems they and their friends sent back and forth, often about and dedicated to each other.

Besides his annual exhibitions at Tibor de Nagy and later Hirschl and Adler Galleries, Porter exhibited regularly at the Whitney, and had one-man exhibitions at many museums including the Rhode Island School of Design (1959), The University of Alabama (1963), Cleveland Museum of Art (his first retrospective, 1966), Trinity College (1967), the Parrish Art Museum (1971), the Maryland Institute of Art (1973), and the 1968 Venice Biennale. He also had residencies at the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture (1964) and Amherst College (1969). Porter died in 1975 at age 68. A full-scale retrospective of his artwork was held at the Boston Museum of Fine Art, Boston in 1983, and a study center and permanent home for his artwork was established at the Parrish Art Museum in Southampton through a donation made by Anne Porter. A posthumous collection of his poems was published by Tibor de Nagy Editions in 1985, and a catalogue raisonnée, edited by Joan Ludman, was published in 2001.

This biography relies heavily on information found in Justin Spring's biography of Porter, *Fairfield Porter: A Life in Art* (Yale University Press, 2000).

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## Scope and Content Note

The papers of New York-based painter, lithographer, art critic, and poet Fairfield Porter measure 9.3 linear feet and date from 1888 to 2001, with the bulk of material dating from 1924 to 1975. The collection includes a biographical chronology; certificates, awards, and diplomas; letters to Fairfield and Anne Porter; scattered outgoing correspondence; and reviews, essays, notes, poems, and translations written by Porter and others. Among the writings are poetry manuscripts written by several New York School Poets including Frank O'Hara, James Schuyler, and Kenneth Koch. Also found are gallery records, inventories and appraisals, financial records, exhibition catalogs, clippings, posters, and records of Anne Porter's efforts to place his collection and document and publish his work after his death. Photographs of Porter, his homes, and his family are also present, as well as sketchbooks, loose sketches, and drawings spanning his entire career.

Significant correspondence is present from the Porters' many poet friends, including Kenneth Koch, James Schuyler, Ron Padgett, Kenward Elmslie, Barbara Guest, Carl Morse, David Shapiro, and others. Among the letters are poetry manuscripts by Koch, Morse, Schuyler, Padgett, and Shapiro. Some letters are actually written in verse, especially those from Kenneth Koch.

Artists with letters in the collection include Joe Brainard, Rudy Burkhardt, John Button, Lucien Day, Rackstraw Downes, Philip Evergood, Jane Frielicher, Arthur Giardelli, Leon Hartl, Alex Katz, Edward Laning, Roy Lichtenstein, Larry Rivers, Richard Stankiewicz, Nicolas Vasilieff, among others. Other art world figures represented include John Bernard Myers, curator at the Tibor de Nagy gallery (New York), and Tom Hess, editor of *ArtNews*. Artwork found within the correspondence includes an illustrated letter from Ron Padgett and an original print on a holiday card by Edith Schloss.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into the following nine series. See the series descriptions below for more information about the content of each series.

- Series 1: Biographical Materials, 1916-1975 (Box 1 and 11; 0.2 linear feet)
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1918-1996 (Boxes 1-2; 1.2 linear feet)
- Series 3: Writings by Fairfield Porter, 1924-1975 (Box 2; 0.6)
- Series 4: Writings by Others, 1888-1992 (Boxes 2-3; 0.7 linear feet)
- Series 5: Personal Business Records, 1944-1996 (Boxes 3-4; 1 linear foot)
- Series 6: Anne Porter's Posthumous Projects, 1980-1988 (Box 4; 0.2 linear feet)
- Series 7: Printed Materials, 1934-2001 (Boxes 4-6 and 11; 1.5 linear feet)
- Series 8: Photographs, circa 1880-1990 (Boxes 6 and 11; 0.6 linear feet)
- Series 9: Artwork, 1918-1975 (Boxes 7-10 and 12-17; 2.2 linear feet)

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Lithographers -- New York (State)  
Painters -- New York (State) -- Southampton  
Painting, Modern -- 20th century  
Poets  
Works of art

### Types of Materials:

Photographs  
Sketchbooks  
Sketches  
Travel diaries

### Names:

Brainard, Joe, 1942-  
Burkhardt, Rudy  
Button, John, 1929-1982  
Day, Lucien B., 1916-  
Downes, Rackstraw  
Elmslie, Kenward  
Evergood, Philip, 1901-1973  
Frielicher, Jane  
Giardelli, Arthur  
Guest, Barbara  
Hartl, Léon, 1889-  
Hess, Thomas B.  
Hirschl & Adler Galleries  
Katz, Alex, 1927-  
Koch, Kenneth, 1925-  
Laning, Edward, 1906-1981

Lichtenstein, Roy, 1923-1997  
Morse, Carl  
Myers, John Bernard  
O'Hara, Frank, 1926-1966  
Padgett, Ron  
Porter, Ruth W., 1875-1942  
Rivers, Larry, 1925-  
Schloss, Edith, 1919-  
Schuyler, James  
Shapiro, David, 1947-  
Stankiewicz, Richard, 1922-  
Tibor de Nagy Gallery  
Vasilieff, Nicholas

Occupations:

Art critics -- New York (State) -- Southampton

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Biographical Materials, 1916-1975 and undated

*(Box 1 and 11; 0.2 linear feet)*

Scope and Contents: Biographical Materials include a chronology of Porter's life prepared by Prescott D. Schutz of Hirschl and Adler Gallery, a birth certificate, a diploma from Harvard College, various other certificates, two passports, a copy of Porter's will, bills and correspondence related to healthcare for the Porters' first son, Johnny, and writings by and about Porter's mother, Ruth Furness Porter. Also found is a copy of a letter from Porter's great-grandfather agreeing to the marriage of his daughter Margaret Eliot to James Furness.

Box 1, Folder 1      [Chronology of Fairfield Porter's Life \(1981\), undated](#)  
(photocopy)

Box 1, Folder 2      [Certificates and Diplomas, 1929-1973](#)  
(see also Box 11, OV)

Box 1, Folder 3      [Passports, 1931-1967](#)

Box 1, Folder 4      [Fairfield Porter's Will \(1961\), undated](#)  
(photocopy)

Box 1, Folder 5      Johnny Porter's Medical Records, 1944-1975  
(not scanned)

Box 1, Folder 6      Material Related to Ruth Furness Porter, James Furness, and Margaret Eliot  
Furness, 1916-1942, undated  
(not scanned)

Oversize 11      Oversized Certificates and Diplomas  
(see Box 1, folder 2)

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## Series 2: Correspondence, 1918-1996 and undated

(Boxes 1-2, 1.2 linear feet)

**Scope and Contents:** Correspondence includes letters written by Fairfield Porter, Anne Porter, family members, artists, writers, critics, curators, neighbors, and others in Porter's circle. Incoming and outgoing letters are filed separately and arranged by correspondent. Single items of correspondence are filed in miscellaneous files by the first letter of the individual's last name. Incoming letters include letters to Fairfield and Anne Porter, as well as scattered third-party correspondence. Outgoing letters are mostly drafts and carbon copies of letters written by Fairfield Porter, although actual letters sent to his mother, wife, and Frank O'Hara are present.

Significant correspondence is present from the Porters' many poet friends, including Kenneth Koch, James Schuyler, Ron Padgett, Kenward Elmslie, Barbara Guest, Carl Morse, David Shapiro, and others. Among the letters are poetry manuscripts by Koch, Morse, Schuyler, Padgett, and Shapiro. Some letters are actually written in verse, especially those from Kenneth Koch. See Writings for additional poetry manuscripts.

Artists with letters in the collection include Joe Brainard, Rudy Burkhardt, John Button, Lucien Day, Rackstraw Downes, Philip Evergood, Jane Frielicher, Arthur Giardelli, Leon Hartl, Alex Katz, Edward Laning, Roy Lichtenstein, Larry Rivers, Richard Stankiewicz, Nicolas Vasilieff, among others. Other art world figures represented include John Bernard Myers, curator at the Tibor de Nagy gallery (New York), and Tom Hess, editor of *ArtNews*. Artwork found in this series includes an illustrated letter from Ron Padgett and an original print on a holiday card by Edith Schloss.

Porter's interest in leftist politics during the 1930s is seen in outgoing letters and in letters from Alex Haberstroh and Paul Mattick. Letters to Porter's mother, Ruth Porter, contain detailed descriptions of his boarding school and college years and his travels abroad in the 1920s and 1930s.

Annotations made by Anne Porter are found throughout this series, including dates, last names, and other explanatory notes.

Additional correspondence can be found in Personal Business Records, especially among the gallery records, and in Anne Porter's Posthumous Projects. A collection of excerpts about Fairfield Porter, compiled by Anne Porter from letters she wrote to her mother, is filed with Writings by Others.

Box 1 Incoming Letters to Anne and Fairfield Porter from:

Box 1, Folder 7 [Adams, Pat, 1956, undated](#)

Box 1, Folder 8 Ashbery, John, undated  
(photocopies of originals dated 1955-1973 and undated; not scanned)

Box 1, Folder 9 [Auerbach, Ellen and Walter, 1939, 1942, 1972-1973](#)

Box 1, Folder 10 [Miscellaneous A, 1957, 1981, 1983, undated](#)  
Notes: (includes an undated letter from Peter Ackroyd and a 1981 letter from John Ashbery to Anne Porter)

Box 1, Folder 11 [Benedict, Michael, 1964, undated](#)

Box 1, Folder 12 [Berend, Charlotte, 1952, 1955](#)

Box 1, Folder 13	Bergman, Joy, 1987-1989, undated
Box 1, Folder 14	Bigelow, Don N., 1970, undated
Box 1, Folder 15	Birch, Barbara Channing, 1952, 1983-1995, undated
Box 1, Folder 16	Bishop, Isabel, 1967-1972, undated
Box 1, Folder 17	Brainard, Joe, 1989, undated
Box 1, Folder 18	Brooks, Jim, undated
Box 1, Folder 19	Brown, Garrett Mills, 1971-1974
Box 1, Folder 20	Buckley, Senator James L., 1971, 1975
Box 1, Folder 21	Bullowa, Arthur, 1977-1982
Box 1, Folder 22	Burkhardt, Rudy, 1951, 1975, undated
Box 1, Folder 23	Button, John, 1960-1975, undated
Box 1, Folder 24	Miscellaneous B, 1952-1989, undated Notes: (includes a 1989 postcard from Bill Berkson and a 1952 note from Louise Bourgeois)
Box 1, Folder 25	Campbell, Larry, 1952, 1956, undated
Box 1, Folder 26	Channing, Katherine M., 1933, 1942, 1954
Box 1, Folder 27	Clement, Adele, undated
Box 1, Folder 28	Cornell, Joseph, 1966
Box 1, Folder 29	Cummings, E.E., 1946, 1952
Box 1, Folder 30	Miscellaneous C, 1942, 1965-1975, undated Notes: (includes a 1975 photo postcard from Dale Chihuly picturing him in Europe, and a 1966 letter from Oscar Collier)
Box 1, Folder 31	Day, Lucien, 1972, undated
Box 1, Folder 32	DeMott, Benjamin, 1972, undated
Box 1, Folder 33	Denby, Edwin, undated
Box 1, Folder 34	Downes, Rackstraw, 1972-1996, undated

Box 1, Folder 35	Miscellaneous D, 1955-1975, undated Notes: (Includes a letter from James Deely)
Box 1, Folder 36	Elmslie, Kenward, undated
Box 1, Folder 37	Evergood, Philip, 1952-1953
Box 1, Folder 38	Miscellaneous E, 1968-1975, undated
Box 1, Folder 39	Frazer, James, 1974, undated
Box 1, Folder 40	Freeman, Dick, 1972-1975, undated
Box 1, Folder 41	Freilicher, Jane, 1953, undated
Box 1, Folder 42	Miscellaneous F, 1953-1975, undated Notes: (includes 1953 letter from John Ferren, a 1975 letter of condolence from Joe Fiore, and a 1956 letter from Jean Follett)
Box 1, Folder 43	Giardelli, Arthur, 1936-1937, 1958-1974, undated
Box 1, Folder 44	Gilbert, Creighton, 1955
Box 1, Folder 45	Gordon, Albert, 1975, undated
Box 1, Folder 46	Griffin, Howard, 1961, undated
Box 1, Folder 47	Guest, Barbara, 1958, undated
Box 1, Folder 48	Miscellaneous G, 1952-1978, undated Notes: (includes a 1955 note from John Graham and a 1966 letter from Dorothy Grotz)
Box 1, Folder 49	Haberstroh, Alex, 1935, 1939, 1941
Box 1, Folder 50	Hartl, Leon, 1952-1954, undated
Box 1, Folder 51	Hess, Tom, 1978, undated
Box 1, Folder 52	Miscellaneous H, 1939-1974, undated
Box 1, Folder 53	Ickes, Betty, 1971, undated
Box 1, Folder 54	Javits, Senator Jacob R., 1968-1971
Box 1, Folder 55	Johnson, Ben, 1955-1956

Box 1, Folder 56	Katz, Alex, 1959
Box 1, Folder 57	Klein, Samuel and Pauline, 1967, 1972, undated
Box 1, Folder 58	Koch, Katherine "Koko", 1982-1988, undated
Box 1, Folder 59	Koch, Kenneth, 1968-1976, undated
Box 1, Folder 60	Koethe, John, 1973-1974
Box 1, Folder 61	Miscellaneous J, K, 1952-1978 Notes: (includes a brief 1968 note from Robert F. Kennedy, a 1960 note from William King, and a 1952 note from Doris Kreindler)
Box 1, Folder 62	Laning, Edward, 1948-1952
Box 1, Folder 63	Leake, Eugene W., 1966, 1968, 1974
Box 1, Folder 64	Leigh, Ted, 1972, 1974, undated
Box 1, Folder 65	Miscellaneous L, 1952-1994, undated Notes: (includes a 1954 letter from John C. LeClair, a 1994 letter from Denise Levertov, an undated letter from Roy Lichtenstein, a 1952 letter from Charles Locke and a 1963 letter from Tom Locker)
Box 1, Folder 66	Maroger, Jacques, 1952
Box 1, Folder 67	Mattick, Ilse Hamm, undated
Box 1, Folder 68-69	Mattick, Paul, 1938-1941, undated (2 folders) Image(s) Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 70	Morse, Carl, 1970, 1984-1987
Box 1, Folder 71	Myers, John Bernard, undated
Box 1, Folder 72	Miscellaneous M, 1952-1975, undated Notes: (includes an undated letter from Dwight MacDonald, an undated letter from Norman MacLeish, an undated letter from John MacWhinnie, a 1952 note from Ezio Martinelli, a 1975 note from Harry Mathews, circa 1975 note from Peter Matthiessen, a 1963 note from Henry Mayer, and an undated note from Howard Moss)
Box 1, Folder 73	Miscellaneous N, 1955
Box 1, Folder 74	O'Hara, Frank, 1954, 1956, 1959, undated

Box 1, Folder 75	<a href="#">Padgett, Ron, 1970-1989, undated</a>
Box 1	<a href="#">Porter, Anne Channing</a>
Box 1, Folder 76	<a href="#">to Katherine M. Channing, 1936, 1953, undated</a>
Box 1, Folder 77-79	<a href="#">to Fairfield Porter, circa 1934-1962 (3 folders) Image(s) Image(s) Image(s)</a>
Box 1, Folder 80	<a href="#">Porter, Edward and Audrey, 1946-1977, undated</a>
Box 1, Folder 81	<a href="#">Porter, Eliot and Aline, 1959-1966, undated</a>
Box 1, Folder 82-84	<a href="#">Porter, John (Fairfield and Anne Porter's son), 1942-1968, 1977, undated (3 folders) Image(s) Image(s) Image(s)</a>
Box 1, Folder 85	<a href="#">Porter, John and Trudy, 1951-1956, 1970-1978, undated</a>
Box 1, Folder 86	<a href="#">Porter, Ruth Furness, 1941</a>
Box 1, Folder 87	<a href="#">Miscellaneous P, 1947-1995, undated</a> Notes: (includes an undated letter from Harley Perkins and a 1947 letter to a family member from Miss Probst, Fairfield's German governess)
Box 1, Folder 88	<a href="#">Rivers, Larry, 1952, undated</a>
Box 1, Folder 89	<a href="#">Miscellaneous Q-R, 1941-1975, undated</a> Notes: (includes a 1966 letter from Frank Redelius describing the preparation of the Maroger Medium)
Box 1, Folder 90-93	<a href="#">Schuyler, James, 1955-1989, undated (4 folders) Image(s) Image(s) Image(s) Image(s)</a>
Box 1, Folder 94	<a href="#">Schloss, Edith, 1972-1996</a>
Box 1, Folder 95	<a href="#">Shapiro, David, 1972-1974</a>

Box 1, Folder 96	Smith, Elizabeth, 1974-1975, undated
Box 1, Folder 97	Stankiewicz, Richard, 1956, undated
Box 1, Folder 98	Straus, Francis, 1968, 1975
Box 1, Folder 99	Straus, Nancy Porter, 1952-1955, undated
Box 1, Folder 100	Miscellaneous S, 1956-1975, undated Notes: (includes a 1969 letters from Robert G. Skinner, a 1956 postcard from David Smith, a 1956 letter from Raphael Soyer, and a 1970 note from Henry Striebel)
Box 1, Folder 101	Tworok, Jack, 1952, 1960
Box 1, Folder 102	Miscellaneous T, 1968-1975
Box 1, Folder 103	Vasilieff, Nicholas, 1951-1954
Box 1, Folder 104	Walker, John, 1952
Box 1, Folder 105	Wallace, Frank, 1953, undated
Box 1, Folder 106	Welliver, Neil, 1972, undated
Box 1, Folder 107	White, Bobby, 1967-1970
Box 1, Folder 108	Miscellaneous V, W, Y, 1955-1989, undated Notes: (includes 1965 letter from Jean Volkmer concerning conservation of a Porter painting and a 1953 letter from Hudson Walker)
Box 1, Folder 109	First Name Only, Albert, 1936, 1955, undated
Box 1, Folder 110	Illegible and Unsigned Letters, 1952, 1987, undated
Box 1	Outgoing Letters from Fairfield Porter to:
Box 1, Folder 111	Miscellaneous A, 1956, 1961 (draft and copy)
Box 1, Folder 112	Channing, Katherine M. "Kee", 1935-1957, undated
Box 1, Folder 113	Miscellaneous F, 1918, 1923, 1956 Notes: (includes copy of a 1956 letter sent to Alfred Frankfurter and Betty Chamberlain)
Box 1, Folder 114	Miscellaneous G-N, 1940-1959, undated

Notes: (includes drafts of letters to Clement Greenberg and Dwight MacDonalD)

Box 2, Folder 1	<a href="#">O'Hara, Frank, 1954-1955, undated</a>
Box 2, Folder 2-5	Porter, Anne, 1931-1964, undated (4 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 2, Folder 6-12	Porter, Ruth Furness, circa 1923-1942 and undated (7 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 2, Folder 13	<a href="#">Miscellaneous P, W, circa 1932, undated</a>
Box 2, Folder 14	<a href="#">First Names Only, 1955, 1971, 1975</a>

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## Series 3: Writings by Fairfield Porter, 1924-1975, undated

(Box 2; 0.6 linear feet)

Scope and Contents: Writings by Fairfield Porter include manuscripts and corrected typescripts of artist profiles, art criticism and theory, talks and lectures, notes, research, preparatory writings, poetry, translations, and other writings. Artist profiles include essays about Richard Stankiewicz, Joseph Cornell, and Albert York. Porter's essays on various art-related subjects are often found in multiple drafts and are filed under the title of what appears to be the latest draft. Early versions of these writings are found in Porter's research notes and other notebooks. Teaching notes include a class register and syllabus for a 1969 art course taught at Queens College in New York. Reviewing notebooks contain detailed notes and rough sketches from visits with artists made while Porter was writing criticism. Other notebooks contain a variety of entries, including prose writings and scattered poems, sketches, and other notes. Scattered notes are also found in many of the sketchbooks in the Artwork series.

Two folders of poetry manuscripts by Porter, and a single poem by Porter and Kenneth Koch, contain a mix of published and unpublished poems, often in multiple drafts. A few of Porter's translations from French of Stéphane Mallarmé's poetry are present in various drafts. Miscellaneous Creative Writings include a work of experimental fiction called "Lake Mahopac," a school essay entitled "A Neighbor," and a tune Porter composed for the William Blake poem "Ah, Sunflower."

Writings in this series represent only a small portion of Porter's literary output. See Printed Materials and Anne Porter's Posthumous Projects for published writings.

Box 2, Folder 15	<a href="#">Artist Profiles, circa 1955-1974</a>
Box 2, Folder 16	<a href="#">Reviews, undated</a>
Box 2	Essays
Box 2, Folder 17	<a href="#">"Art Reveals the Nature of Society", undated</a>
Box 2, Folder 18	<a href="#">"Art Should be Independent of Science", undated</a>
Box 2, Folder 19	<a href="#">"The Arts Today: Reflection of a Sick Society?", undated</a>
Box 2, Folder 20	<a href="#">"The Class Content of Modern Painting", undated</a>
Box 2, Folder 21	<a href="#">"Poets and Painters in Collaboration", undated</a> (First page missing)
Box 2, Folder 22	<a href="#">"Technology and Artistic Perception", undated</a>
Box 2, Folder 23	<a href="#">"Technology and Artistic Perception", undated</a>
Box 2, Folder 24	<a href="#">"Technology and Artistic Perception", undated</a>
Box 2, Folder 25-26	untitled, undated (2 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a>



	Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 27	Photocopied Essays, undated (not scanned)
Box 2, Folder 28	Talks and Lectures, 1965, 1969, 1970, undated
Box 2	Notes
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Box 2, Folder 30-35	Research Notes, undated (6 folders) Image(s) Image(s) Image(s) Image(s) Image(s) Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 36	Teaching Notes, Queens College, 1969 (not scanned)
Box 2, Folder 37	Mailing List, undated (not scanned)
Box 2, Folder 38	Supply Inventory, 1972-1975 (not scanned)
Box 2, Folder 39	Miscellaneous Notes, undated
Box 2	Notebooks
Box 2, Folder 40	Reviewing Notebook, 1950s
Box 2, Folder 41	Reviewing Notebook, 1950s
Box 2, Folder 42	Reviewing Notebook, circa 1953
Box 2, Folder 43	Reviewing Notebook, circa 1954
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Box 3, Folder 40	Miscellaneous Unknown Authors, 1960-1961, undated
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Box 3, Folder 41	by Anina Porter Fuller, 1991 (not scanned)
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Box 3, Folder 46	Ruth Furness Porter, undated
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## Series 5: Personal Business Records, 1944-1996

(Boxes 3-4; 1 linear foot)

**Scope and Contents:** Personal Business Records include account books, receipts, notes, business agreements, correspondence, bank records, inventories of artwork, appraisals, copyright registrations, and other records related to Fairfield Porter's professional activities and, to a lesser extent, personal finances. This series is arranged by type of material.

Gallery records include contractual agreements, accounting statements of painting sales, inventories, insurance claims, and scattered correspondence. The bulk of gallery records are for Tibor de Nagy Gallery, the first to represent Porter, and Hirschl and Adler Gallery, which represented Porter from 1972 on and managed his estate after his death. Also found are records from the Brooke Alexander Gallery, which handled Porter's small oeuvre of limited edition prints.

Inventories and appraisals include property appraisals of furnishings and other assets, as well as detailed artwork inventories created after Porter's death. Additional artwork inventories are found with gallery records for Hirschl and Adler Gallery.

Detailed records are also found relating to the major estate gift of Porter's collection to the Parrish Art Museum (Southampton, NY), as well as smaller gifts and loans made by Anne Porter to various museums and galleries after Porter's death. These records are arranged by museum or organization name. Museum research contains notes and printed materials related to the estate settlement.

Box 3, Folder 53	<a href="#">Account Books, 1946-1967</a>
Box 3, Folder 54	<a href="#">Account Books, 1967-1969</a>
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Box 3, Folder 62	Employment Records, 1944 (not scanned)
Box 3, Folder 63	Funeral Expenses, 1975-1976 (not scanned)
Box 3, Folder 64	Great Spruce Head Island Corporation Records, 1971-1977

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Box 4	Gallery Records
Box 4, Folder 1-5	Tibor de Nagy Gallery Contract and Sales Records, 1959-1972 (5 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
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Box 4, Folder 7	<a href="#">M. Knoedler and Company Gallery, 1970-1971</a>
Box 4, Folder 8-13	<a href="#">Hirschl and Adler Gallery, 1972-1996, undated</a> (6 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 4, Folder 14-17	<a href="#">Brooke Alexander, Inc., 1972-1996</a> (4 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 4, Folder 18	<a href="#">Other Galleries and Miscellaneous Receipts, 1964-1979</a>
Box 4, Folder 19	<a href="#">Charitable Trust Records, 1986-1987</a> (not scanned)
Box 4, Folder 20	<a href="#">Inventories and Appraisals, 1943</a>
Box 4, Folder 21	<a href="#">Inventories and Appraisals, 1975-1978</a>
Box 4, Folder 22	<a href="#">Inventories and Appraisals, 1976</a>
Box 4, Folder 23	<a href="#">Inventories and Appraisals (Copy), 1976</a>
Box 4, Folder 24	<a href="#">Artwork Inventory Notes, circa 1976</a>



Box 4	Parrish Art Museum Loans and Gift
Box 4, Folder 25	<a href="#">Receipts and Deeds of Gift, 1976-1984</a>
Box 4, Folder 26	<a href="#">Correspondence and Minutes, 1980-1989</a>
Box 4, Folder 27	<a href="#">Drafts of Master List, undated</a>
Box 4, Folder 28	<a href="#">Press Clipping Report, 1993</a> (partially scanned)
Box 4, Folder 29-30	Other Loans and Gifts, 1977-1989 (2 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 4, Folder 31	Museum Research, 1982-undated (not scanned)
Box 4, Folder 32	Copyrights and Permissions, 1975-1988 (not scanned)

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## Series 6: Anne Porter's Posthumous Projects, 1980-1988, undated

(Box 4; 0.2 linear feet)

**Scope and Contents:** This series contains research, writings, and correspondence related to three publication projects executed by Anne Porter and various editors after the death of her husband, Fairfield Porter. Projects include a catalog raisonnée of Porter's artwork edited by Joan Ludman, an edition of collected letters edited by Ted Leigh, and an edition of collected poems edited by John Yau.

Materials for the catalog raisonnée include notes, correspondence, reproductions of works of art, and clippings. Correspondence contains information about the provenance and subject matter of artworks. Correspondents include John MacWhinnie, Lucian Day, Bill Berkson, and Larry Campbell. Also found is a letter concerning a forged painting, and two proposals for the catalog raisonnée project.

Materials related to the collected letters include correspondence between Anne Porter and Ted Leigh, copies of letters from a few of Porter's correspondents including James Schuyler, and a manuscript of an article by Leigh. The collected poems file contains correspondence, a typescript and a corrected proof for the 1985 publication. A copy of the Collected Poems is filed with Printed Materials. Manuscripts of Porter's poetry are filed with Writings. Publicity for these publications is filed with Printed Materials.

Box 4, Folder 33-35	Catalog Raisonné Materials, 1980-1988, undated (3 folders; partially scanned) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
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Box 4, Folder 36-37	Collected Letters Materials, 1983-1988 (2 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
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Box 4, Folder 38-39	Collected Poems Materials, 1982-1985 (2 folders; not scanned)
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## Series 7: Printed Materials, 1934-2001, undated

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Scope and Contents: Printed materials include printed artwork, books, book covers, clippings, magazines, exhibition catalogs, posters, chapbooks, journals, reproductions of works of art, and other printed miscellany primarily related to the art and writings of Fairfield Porter and others in his circle.

Books include a book about Thomas Eakins written by Porter and a book about the New York School with an article Porter wrote about Richard Stankiewicz. Book covers illustrated by Porter are found for books of poetry by James Schuyler, Kenneth Koch, and John Koethe. Clippings include magazines, magazine clippings, newspaper clippings, and other ephemeral publications. Reviews by Porter, mostly for *The Nation* from 1959 to 1961, are filed separately. Artwork by Porter includes a cartoon created for the *Harvard Lampoon*. Articles about Porter include reviews, profiles, and obituaries.

Exhibition catalogs and posters are present for Porter's individual and group exhibitions. A file of items found in Porter's studio at the time of his death consist mostly of photographs and illustrations clipped from newspapers and reproductions of works of art.

Poetry publications include chapbooks, journals, and books. Volumes containing poems by the Fairfield and/or Anne Porter are filed at the beginning. Poetry publications include the magazine *Poetry*, *Locus Solus I*, two issues of *Semi-Colon*, four issues of John Wheelwright's *Poems for Two Bits and Poems for a Dime* series, which were illustrated by Porter, and James Schuyler's anthologies *49 South* and *Broadway 2*. An issue of the journal *Parenthèse* with an obituary of Porter by John Bernard Myers is filed with clippings about Porter. Copies of the prints Porter made for the Wheelwright publications can be found in the Artwork series.

Subject files include pamphlets, newsletters, and brochures related to nuclear energy, an issue with which Porter was involved, and Subud, a spiritual practice Porter followed. Printed miscellany includes a teaching guide for a slide program of Porter's paintings created by the Parrish Art Museum.

Portions of this series have not been digitized.

Box 4	Books (not scanned; see also Poetry Publications)
Box 4, Folder 40	School of New York: Some Younger Artists, 1959
Box 4, Folder 41	Thomas Eakins, 1959
Box 4, Folder 42	Book Covers with Art by Porter, 1972-1974 (not scanned; see also Poetry Publications, John Wheelwright chapbooks)
Box 4	Clippings
Box 4, Folder 43-44	Reviews by Porter, 1959-1982, undated (2 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 4, Folder 45	<a href="#">Artwork by Porter, circa 1927, 1957</a>

Box 4, Folder 46-47	Articles about Porter, 1955, 1968-1976 (2 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 5, Folder 1	<a href="#">Articles about Porter, 1971, 1981</a>
Box 5, Folder 2	<a href="#">Articles about Porter, 1983, 1991</a>
Box 5, Folder 3	<a href="#">Articles about Porter, 1955-1978</a>
Box 5, Folder 4	<a href="#">Articles about Porter, 1980s</a>
Box 5, Folder 5	<a href="#">Articles about Porter, 1980s</a>
Box 5, Folder 6	<a href="#">Articles about Porter, 1980s</a>
Box 5, Folder 7	<a href="#">Articles about Porter, 1990s</a>
Box 5, Folder 8	<a href="#">Articles about Porter, undated</a>
Box 5, Folder 9	<a href="#">Articles about Porter (Photocopies), circa 1980s</a>
Box 5, Folder 10	<a href="#">Articles about Porter (Photocopies), 1980s-1992</a>
Box 5, Folder 11	<a href="#">Articles about Porter (Photocopies), 1980-1987</a>
Box 5, Folder 12	<a href="#">Reviews of Anne Porter's Poetry, 1994-1995</a>
Box 5, Folder 13	<a href="#">Miscellaneous Clippings, 1967-1977, undated</a>
Box 5, Folder 14-24	Exhibition Catalogs, 1960-2001, undated <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
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Box 5	Poetry Publications (not scanned)
Box 5, Folder 28	Fairfield Porter's Collected Poems, 1985
Box 5, Folder 29	Other Fairfield Porter Publications, 1955, undated
Box 5, Folder 30-32	Anne Channing Porter, 1934-1982 (3 folders)
Box 6, Folder 1-3	Anne and Fairfield Porter, 1953-1989 (3 folders)
Box 6, Folder 4	John Wheelwright Chapbooks Illustrated by Fairfield Porter, 1936-1937
Box 6, Folder 5	Kenneth Koch and Frank O'Hara, undated
Box 6, Folder 6	John Koethe, 1973
Box 6, Folder 7	Katherine Porter, 1986
Box 6, Folder 8	Groundwater Press Chapbooks, 1989
Box 6	Subject Files (not scanned)
Box 6, Folder 9-13	Nuclear Energy, 1964-1975, undated (5 folders)
Box 6, Folder 14-15	Subud, 1957-1960 (2 folders)
Box 6, Folder 16	Printed Miscellany, 1980-1990, undated (not scanned)
Oversize 11	Oversized Exhibition Posters (see Box 5, folder 25)
Oversize 11	Oversized Items Found in Studio

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## Series 8: Photographs, circa 1880-1990, undated

*(Boxes 6 and 11; 0.6 linear feet)*

**Scope and Contents:** This series includes photographs of Fairfield Porter, his family, homes and studios, photographic studies, and works of art. Most of the photographs are unattributed, but photographs by James Schuyler, John MacWhinnie, Ellen "Pit" Auerbach, and Edith Schloss are found. Photographs of Fairfield Porter are filed at the beginning of the series, except for his childhood photographs, wedding photographs, and photographs of Porter with his wife and children, which are filed with family photographs. New York City street scenes appear to have been used as studies for some of Porter's paintings. Photographs of works of art by others include paintings by Alex Katz and Alex Haberstroh that were owned by the Porters, and a bust of Porter sculpted by Robert White. See file headings below for more information about subjects.

Throughout this series, duplicates, negatives, and copy prints have not been scanned. The remainder of the series has been selectively scanned.

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Box 6, Folder 17	<a href="#">Fairfield Porter, circa 1946-1972</a>
Box 6, Folder 18	Fairfield Porter (Copy Negatives and Prints), undated
Box 6, Folder 19	<a href="#">With Siblings and Friends, circa 1931-1963</a>
Box 6, Folder 20	With Siblings and Friends (Copy Negatives and Prints), undated
Box 6, Folder 21	<a href="#">In Studio, Gallery, Working, circa 1960s-1970s</a>
Box 6, Folder 22	In Studio, Gallery, Working (Copy Negative), circa 1960s-1970s
Box 6	Family
Box 6, Folder 23	Fairfield Porter's Parents and Their Families, 1880s-1890s, undated (not scanned)
Box 6, Folder 24-26	Childhood Photographs of Fairfield Porter and Family, circa 1910-1920s (3 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 6, Folder 27	<a href="#">Anne Channing Porter and Family, 1913, 1927, circa 1990</a>
Box 6, Folder 28	<a href="#">Wedding Photographs, 1932</a>
Box 6, Folder 29	<a href="#">Fairfield Porter, Anne Porter, and Their Children in Groups, circa 1930s-1940s</a>
Box 6, Folder 30	<a href="#">Fairfield Porter, Anne Porter, and Their Children in Groups, circa 1950s-1960s</a>

Box 6, Folder 31	Fairfield Porter, Anne Porter, and Their Children in Groups (Negatives), circa 1934
Box 6, Folder 32	<a href="#">Fairfield and Anne Porter with Their Grandchildren, circa 1969, undated</a>
Box 6, Folder 33-36	Son Johnny, circa 1934-1977 (4 folders; not scanned)
Box 6, Folder 37-40	Son Laurence, 1938-1980s (4 folders; not scanned)
Box 6, Folder 41-42	Son Jerry (Richard), 1941-1970 (2 folders; not scanned)
Box 6, Folder 43	Daughter Katherine, circa 1951-1980 (not scanned)
Box 6, Folder 44	Daughter Elizabeth, 1957-1985, undated (not scanned)
Box 6, Folder 45	Porter Children, Negatives, undated (not scanned)
Box 6, Folder 46	Porter Grandchildren, 1969-1989, undated (not scanned)
Box 6, Folder 47	Miscellaneous People, 1953-1954, undated (not scanned)
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Box 6, Folder 51	Vinalhaven, Maine, undated (not scanned)
Box 6, Folder 52-54	New York City Street Scenes, 1940s-1970s (3 folders; not scanned)
Box 6, Folder 55	Miscellaneous Places, 1940, undated (not scanned)
Box 6	Works of Art



Box 6, Folder 56-62	By Fairfield Porter, 1930s-1980, undated (7 folders; not scanned)
Box 6, Folder 63	By Others, undated (not scanned; see also Box 11, OV)
Oversize 11	Oversized Photographs of Works of Art by Others (see Box 6, folder 63)

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## Series 9: Artwork, 1918-1975, undated

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**Scope and Contents:** Artwork includes sketchbooks, loose sketches and drawings, illustrations, prints, and cartoons by Fairfield Porter. Artwork by others includes works of Peggy Bacon, Alex Haberstroh, Leon Hartl, and Edith Schloss, and a portrait of Porter in pencil by Joe Brainard.

Sketchbooks contain sketches and drawings in pencil, charcoal, ink, watercolor, and pastel of subjects similar to those found in Porter's paintings: homes, family, landscapes, city street scenes, and figure studies. Notes in Anne Porter's handwriting are found in many of the sketchbooks and on sketches, and were presumably made retrospectively, upon donation of the collection. Sketchbooks also contain notes written by Fairfield Porter. Many of the dates assigned to sketchbooks in this finding aid have been estimated based on the relationship of sketches to dated paintings.

Loose sketches and drawings are mostly from Porter's early career and schooling. Life Class Sketches are from the Art Students League and from Barbara Merrick's dance class, and include two black and white oil paintings on paper. Sketches for murals and frescoes are related to two commissioned works from the 1930s, and also include sketches in oil. A mixed group of early sketches of landscapes, people, street scenes, and copies of museum pieces, filed under the heading "miscellaneous sketches and drawings," appear to contain the pages of two disassembled travel sketchbooks, among other sketches. Sketches and drawings of people are mostly of family members, with scattered sketches of friends, neighbors, and interiors of family homes. Miscellaneous landscape sketches also include several sketches in oil. Miscellaneous painted sketches include several scenes from a trip to the Western United States in 1938, along with other landscapes, scenes, and still lifes in oil and watercolor.

Illustrations made for the socialist arts organization Rebel Arts include a silk-screened poster and a drawing for a print made by Porter in the 1930s. Other prints found in this series are from the same era, and several of them were published in John Wheelwright's chapbooks, copies of which are filed in Printed Materials. Also among the prints is a lithograph illustrating Dostoyevsky's *The Possessed*, which Porter made in 1932.

Throughout this series, duplicates, negatives, and copy prints have not been scanned. The remainder of the series has been selectively scanned.

Box 7, Folder 1	<a href="#">Sketchbook, 1928-1930</a> (see also Box 12, OV)
Box 7, Folder 2	<a href="#">Sketchbook, early 1930s</a>
Box 7, Folder 3	<a href="#">Sketchbook, 1930s</a>
Box 7, Folder 4-5	Sketchbooks, 1937 (2 volumes in 2 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 7, Folder 6	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1937</a>
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Box 7, Folder 8	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1941</a>
Box 7, Folder 9	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1943-1944</a>
Box 7, Folder 10	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1945-1947</a>
Box 7, Folder 11	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1947</a>
Box 7, Folder 12	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1948</a>
Box 7, Folder 13	<a href="#">Sketchbook, 1944-1948</a>
Box 7, Folder 14	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1950</a>
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Box 7, Folder 16	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1953</a>
Box 7, Folder 17	<a href="#">Sketchbook, 1957-1958</a>
Box 7, Folder 18	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1940-1960</a>
Box 7, Folder 19	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1960-1966</a>
Box 7, Folder 20-21	<a href="#">Sketchbooks, circa 1967 (2 volumes in 2 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a></a>
Box 8, Folder 1	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1967-1975</a>
Box 8, Folder 2	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1968 (See Box 9, sol)</a>
Box 8, Folder 3	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1969 (See Box 9, sol)</a>
Box 8, Folder 4-5	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1970 (2 volumes in 2 folders) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a></a>
Box 8, Folder 6	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1971 (See Box 9, sol)</a>
Box 8, Folder 7	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1973 (See Box 9, sol)</a>

Box 8, Folder 8-10	Sketchbooks, circa 1974 (3 volumes in 3 folders; see also Box 10, sol) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 8, Folder 11	<a href="#">Sketchbook, circa 1974-1975</a>
Box 8, Folder 12-17	Sketchbooks, circa 1928-1975 (6 volumes in 6 folders; see also Box 10, sol) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 8	Sketches and Drawings
Box 8, Folder 18	<a href="#">Childhood Drawings, 1918-1919, undated</a> (see also Box 10, sol)
Box 8, Folder 19	<a href="#">Life Class Sketches, circa 1930-1934</a> (see Boxes 13 and 14, OV)
Box 8, Folder 20	<a href="#">Murals and Frescoes, 1930s</a> (see Box 15, OV)
Box 8, Folder 21	Murals and Frescoes (Copy Negative), undated
Box 8, Folder 22	<a href="#">People, 1933-1947</a> (see also Box 10 (sol) and OV 16)
Box 8, Folder 23	<a href="#">People, undated</a>
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Box 8, Folder 25-29	Miscellaneous Sketches and Drawings, circa 1920s-1940s (5 folders including copies) <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> <a href="#">Image(s)</a> Notes: (Includes sketches from European travels)
Box 8, Folder 30-32	Miscellaneous Landscapes, undated (3 folders; see also Box 10 (sol) and OV 17) <a href="#">Image(s)</a>

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Box 8	Artwork by Others
Box 8, Folder 38	Print by Peggy Bacon, undated
Box 8, Folder 39	Drawing of Fairfield Porter by Joe Brainard, undated (See Box 10, sol)
Box 8, Folder 40	Drawing by Dick Freeman, undated
Box 8, Folder 41	Drawings by Alex Haberstroh, undated
Box 8, Folder 42	Drawing by Leon Hartl, 1963
Box 8, Folder 43	Music by Jimmy Lennon, 1974
Box 8, Folder 44	Childhood Drawings of Johnny Porter, undated
Box 8, Folder 45	Print by Edith Schloss, undated
Box 8, Folder 46	Artist Unknown, 1931, undated (See also Box 10, sol)
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Box 10	Oversized Sketchbooks (See Box 8, folders 8, 11, and 12)
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