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Laurence M. Porter papers relating to Fairfield Porter

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Laurence M. Porter papers relating to Fairfield Porter
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1955-2004
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.portlaur
<b>Creator:</b>	Porter, Laurence M., 1936-
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Linear foot
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The collection was donated in 2020 by Laurence M. Porter, Fairfield Porter's son.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Use of born digital records with no duplicate copy requires advance notice.

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## Biographical / Historical

Laurence M. Porter is the son of New York-based painter, lithographer, art critic and poet Fairfield Porter (1907-1975).

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## Scope and Contents

The Laurence M. Porter papers regarding his father Fairfield Porter measure 1.0 linear foot and date from circa 1955-2004. Included are biographical material consisting of estate papers for Fairfield Porter including a list of Fairfield's paintings and an appraisal, a copy of the 1953 film "A Day in the Life of a Cleaning Woman" by Rudy Burckhardt starring Anne and Fairfield Porter and others, and a 1993 recording of CBS Sunday relating to Fairfield Porter on CBS Sunday; correspondence including letters from Fairfield to Laurence and other family members, and letters from Laurence to curators, authors and dealers and others about Fairfield; writings consisting of a draft of "Elegy for my father" by Laurence Porter, 1978, and a poem from Fairfield to Laurence, undated; photographs of Fairfield Porter and his paintings; one sketchbook by Fairfield "notebook no.2", undated; and printed material regarding Fairfield Porter. A portion of the papers are in electronic format.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Porter, Fairfield