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Meyer P. and Vivian O. Potamkin papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Meyer P. and Vivian O. Potamkin papers
Identifier:	AAA.potameye
Date:	[ca. 1950-2002]
Extent:	9.4 Linear feet
Creator:	Potamkin, Meyer, 1909-2001 Potamkin, Vivian, 1915-2002
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 2006 by Marshall Potamkin and Marcy Lasky.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center.

Biographical / Historical

Meyer P. (1909-2001) and Vivian O. (1915-2002) Potamkin were art collectors in Philadelphia, Pa.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence; files on works of art; photographs; writings; printed material; audio-visual material; and miscellany regarding the Potmakin's collection of 19th and 20th century American art.

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Included are appraisals; correspondence; published writings about the Potamkins; published catalogs of the Potamkin collection; letters from museum professionals and visitors to the collection; photographs of Vivian and Meyer P. Potamkin and their home; files concerning works of art in the Potamkin collection containing correspondence, invoices, reproductions, loan agreements and requests; certificates of insurance, exhibition proposals, and conservation records; files on objects sold from the Potmakin collection; files concerning gifts to museums and outgoing loans; ten binders containing cataloging data

and photographs of works in the Potmakin collection (6 arranged by artist, 1 prints, 1 decorative arts, 1 folk art, and 1 American Indian); letters from author Christine Weston, Eugene Prendergast (wife of Charles Prendergast), Helen Sloan (wife of John Sloan), actors Jeffrey Hayden and Eva Marie Saint, screenwriter Wolf Mankowitz, Violette de Mazia (director of education, Barnes Foundation), and others; and a 19990 videorecording, 27 minutes, Collector's love story: conversation with Vivian and Meyer P. Potamkin produced for WHHY Television, 1990.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts