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Preston family letters

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Preston family letters
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.presjohs
<b>Date:</b>	1836-1927
<b>Creator:</b>	Preston, John S. (John Smith), 1809-1881
<b>Extent:</b>	60 Items ((on partial microfilm reel))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The lender, Mrs. D.L. Young, is a descendant of the Preston family.

### Location of Originals

Reel 74: Originals returned to Mrs. D.L. Young, the lender, after microfilming.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 74 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Patrons; South Carolina

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence with Hiram Powers; and Preston family papers and sketches.

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## Scope and Contents

Reel 74: Correspondence is primarily between John S. Preston and Powers regarding the state of Powers' work, including Preston and Hampton family busts, busts of Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, and other sculpture; also, U.S. government funding of commissions, Powers' views on the state of the Union, Preston's concerns with family affairs, legislative stands, and politics. Also included are family papers; a

marriage certificate; an affidavit on a painting, "Madonna of the Window"; and a family genealogy. [microfilm title: Preston Family]

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## Scope and Contents

Unmicrofilmed: Sketches, unsigned, of cows and sheep and one of a boy with his dog.

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## Other Title

Preston family [microfilm title]

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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:

Art -- Collectors and collecting

### Names:

Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850

Clay, Henry, 1777-1852

Powers, Hiram, 1805-1873

Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852