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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Harris King Prior papers
Identifier:	AAA.prioharr
Date:	1946-1975
Creator:	Prior, Harris K. (Harris King)
Extent:	4 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1981 by Mrs. Nathaniel Whitcomb, Prior's widow.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Art administrator, educator; Rochester, N.Y.; b. 1911; d. 1975 Prior was director of Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, N.Y., 1962-1975.

Scope and Contents

Research material on American Artists of the Pacific Northwest, and on Arthur B. Davies.

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Files, 1946-1975, concerning artists of the Pacific Northwest, including: research correspondence; typescripts of published and unpublished writings; notes; photographs, negatives, and transparencies of works of art; card files; and exhibition catalogs, clippings, and other printed material. Also included is research material, 1955-1975, relating to Arthur B. Davies and a 1962 centennial exhibition on Davies organized by Prior. Papers include: correspondence with Davies's relatives, museums, and others; printed material; slides of the paintings exhibited; 3 installation photos; a photo file and a card file on Davies's paintings, arranged by location; and a dissertation, THE GRAPHIC ART OF ARTHUR BOWEN DAVIES AND JOHN SLOAN, by Merrill Clement Rueppel, 1955.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, American -- Northwestern States
Northwest school of artists

Names:

Davies, Arthur B. (Arthur Bowen), 1862-1928

Occupations:

Art teachers -- New York (State) -- Rochester
Arts administrators -- New York (State) -- Rochester
Museum directors -- New York(State) -- Rochester

Functions:

Art museums -- New York (State) -- Rochester