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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Victor Hugo Proetz papers
Identifier:	AAA.proevict
Date:	[ca. 1930]-1965
Extent:	1 Linear foot 5 Items (rolled docs)
Creator:	Proetz, Victor, 1897-1966
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Transferred from the National Portrait Gallery 1977-1979.

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

Architect, interior designer; New York, N.Y. and Washington, D.C. Proetz was a close friend and associate of the Charles Nagel, the first director of the National Portrait Gallery.

Scope and Contents

Notebooks, card file, architectural plans, elevations, details, drawings, and designs for chairs, desks, cabinets, picture frames, etc. relating to Proetz's renovation of the National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution. Many of the designs and records pre-dating the renovation were evidently used by Proetz in the renovation.

Scope and Contents

Included are 7 notebooks, 1948-1955, recording work; ca. 280 photocopies of designs for furniture, fireplaces, lamps, and other accessories; a card file of American architects; and a file of drawings, notes, and photographs relating to work done for the National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C.; drawings, ca.

1930-1960, including: architectural plans for the renovation; elevations, details, electrical layouts, and proposed furniture for the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hexter, and Joshua S. Cospen; and alterations and additions to the home of George D. Widener.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Architecture -- Designs and plans
Architecture -- Washington (D.C.) -- Conservation and restoration
Interior decoration

Names:

National Portrait Gallery (Smithsonian Institution) -- Designs and plans

Occupations:

Architects -- Washington (D.C.)
Interior decorators -- Washington (D.C.)