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Austin Purves papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Austin Purves papers
Identifier:	AAA.purvausp
Date:	1939-1961
Creator:	Purves, Austin, 1900-
Extent:	1 Linear foot ((on 2 microfilm reels))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Provenance unknown.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 112 & 113 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.

Biographical / Historical

Sculptor, mural painter, craftsman, and educator; Litchfield, Conn. Studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Academie Julian, Paris, the American Conservatory, Fontainebleau, and studied fresco painting independently in Italy.

Scope and Contents

Financial and business records relating to various commissions, including the decorative work on the S.S. America, the S.S. United States, and Grace Line ships Santa Rosa and Santa Paula; the mural decoration of the World War II battle monument in Draguignan, France; the decorative map in the Boston Federal Reserve Bank; and the spandrel sculpture on the barracks at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Decoration and ornament, Architectural
Decorative arts -- United States
Mural painting and decoration -- United States
Sculpture

Occupations:

Artisans -- Connecticut
Designers -- Connecticut
Muralists -- Connecticut