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James M. Ray files on artists

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	James M. Ray files on artists
<b>Date:</b>	1962-1993
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.rayjamem
<b>Creator:</b>	Ray, James M.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.6 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated by James M. Ray, 1993-1994.

### 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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Art collector; St. Joseph, Mo. Born 1924. Ray, the former director of the Albrecht Art Museum in St. Joseph, Missouri, is a major collector of John Wilde's art work.

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## Scope and Contents

Files on artists John Wilde, Elizabeth Layton, Evan Lindquist, Bruce McCombs, Siegfried Reinhardt, and Werner Wilder, containing letters, photographs, and printed material.

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## Scope and Contents

The Wilde file, 1966-1992, contains 40 letters from Wilde concerning his exhibitions and sales of work to Ray and others, an exhibition catalog, and, and photographs of art work. The Layton file, 1983-1993, consists of 7 letters from Layton, clippings, and photographs of art work. Included in the Reinhardt file, 1968-1984, are clippings, exhibition announcements and catalogs, brochures, reproductions of art work, photographs of art work, and 3 photographs of Reinhardt, 2 of them with Ray. The Wildner file, 1962-1975, contains clippings, 3 exhibition catalogs, and photographs of art work. The Lindquist file includes letters from Lindquist to Ray, 1969-1994; a comprehensive list of prints, May 21, 1994; a typescript by Lindquist, "Prints: Beginnings and Ends," 1987; a sample copy of Lindquist's "Certificate of Authenticity"; 2 exhibition catalogs, 1970 and 1975; photographs of 106 prints by Lindquist in the Ray Collection; and 3 photographs of Lindquist. The McCombs file consists of one exhibition catalog, 1986.

## 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:

Layton, Elizabeth, 1909-  
Lindquist, Evan  
McCombs, Bruce, 1943-  
Reinhardt, Siegfried, 1925-1984  
Wilde, John, 1919-2006  
Wildner, Werner

### Occupations:

Draftsmen (artists) -- Wisconsin  
Painters -- Kansas  
Painters -- Missouri  
Painters -- Tennessee  
Painters -- Wisconsin  
Printmakers -- Missouri