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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Maude Kemper Riley papers
Date:	1945-1983
Identifier:	AAA.rilemaud
Creator:	Riley, Maude Kemper
Extent:	0.2 Linear feet
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1996 by Monica Riley, daughter of Maude Kemper Riley., via art historian Charles E. Doherty.

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

Riley (b. 1902) was an art critic in New York during and after the second World War as well as an editor and publisher of her own newsletters, Limited Edition (1945) and MKR's Art Outlook (1945-1947).

Scope and Contents

Printed material and two photographs. Included are Riley's book, *Recollections of an Art Critic*, New York in the 40's (New York: Sterling Books, 1983); clippings of articles by Riley on art in California for *Fortnight*, April-November 1952; a bound volume of newsletters edited by Riley, *Limited Edition*, nos. 1-6, August 1945-December 1945, and (renamed) *MKR's Art Outlook*, nos. 7-43, February 1946-May 1947; a Yale University Art Gallery exhibition catalog "35 American Painters of Today" with a forward by Riley, and photographs of Riley.

Scope and Contents

The newsletters include reviews by Riley of selected New York gallery and museum exhibitions, Philadelphia shows reviewed by Walter Emerson Baum, letters to the editor, obituaries, and special articles by Riley, Associate editor John Blomshield, and Hilda Loveman. Contributors include Balcomb Greene, Douglas MacAgy, Conrad A. Albrizio, Max Gottschak, and others.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art -- California -- Periodicals
Art -- New York (State) -- New York -- Periodicals
Women art critics

Names:

Riley, Maude Kemper -- MKR's art outlook
Riley, Maude Kemper -- Limited edition
Riley, Maude Kemper -- Recollections of an art critic : New York in the 40's

Occupations:

Art critics -- New York (State) -- New York