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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b> | Archives of American Art               |
| <b>Title:</b>      | Increase Robinson photographs          |
| <b>Date:</b>       | 1909-1920                              |
| <b>Identifier:</b> | AAA.robiincr                           |
| <b>Creator:</b>    | Robinson, Increase, 1890-1981          |
| <b>Extent:</b>     | 10 Items ((on partial microfilm reel)) |
| <b>Language:</b>   | English .                              |

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The donor, Ruth R. Hooper, is the niece and Esther Robinson is the daughter of Increase Robinson.

### Location of Originals

Originals in the possession of Esther Robinson 330 Elsie Street, San Francisco, California 94110.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 4283 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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Painter, teacher, lecturer, gallery owner, and State Director of the Federal Art Project in Illinois between 1933 and 1938. Born Josephine Dorothea Richmann Robinson. Took the name of Increase Robinson after the death of her first husband, Philip Increase Robinson. She was a descendant of several generations of Chicago artists including Baron Eustace Wyszynski (her great-grandfather), Julia Wyszynski Lemos (her grandmother), and Josephine Lemos Reichmann (her mother). Peter van Beuren (1776-1844) was Robinson's great-great-grandfather. His daughter, Johanna, married Baron Wyszynski.

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## Scope and Contents

Nine photographs (1919-1920), primarily of Robinson and Lemos family members, and a page from the 1909 Hyde Park High School Annual.

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Included are: copy photographs of a miniature painted by Baron Eustace Wyszynski of his father-in-law, Peter van Beuren; Wyszynski and his daughter, Julia Wyszynski Lemos; Robinson, her husband, Philip Increase Robinson, her brother, Ernest Robert Reichmann, and her sister-in-law, Ruth Hough Reichmann; Robinson cleaning paint brushes; and photographs of Robinson's mother, Josephine Lemos Reichmann, alone (1920) and with Ruth Hough Reichmann dressed for the Artist's Ball (1919), as well as a page of the Hyde Park High School Annual of 1909 with Robinson's picture.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Artists -- Illinois -- Chicago -- Photographs

### Names:

Lemos, Julia Wyszynski, 1842-1928  
Reichmann, Josephine Lemos, 1864-1938  
Wyszynski, Eustace, 1810-1891

### Occupations:

Arts administrators -- Illinois -- Chicago  
Painters -- Illinois -- Chicago