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Edward Wales Root letters from Louis Eilshemius

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Edward Wales Root letters from Louis Eilshemius
<b>Date:</b>	[ca. 1930]
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.rootedwa
<b>Creator:</b>	Root, Edward Wales, d. 1956
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Items ((on 1 partial microfilm reel))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated by Mrs. Edward Root, 1964.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 3471 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

Art collector and art instructor; Clinton, N.Y. Collector of predominately American avant-garde art. Taught art at Hamilton College. He was the son of Elihu Root.

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## Scope and Contents

Two letters to Root from Louis Michel Eilshemius. Eilshemius discusses a small oil painting purchased by Root that he admires, his interest in art, the "struggle against irrecognition", his animosity toward the National Academy of Design, views on intellect, and his work other than painting.

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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:

Art -- Collectors and collecting -- United States

Names:

Eilshemius, Louis M. (Louis Michel), 1864-1941