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1879-1967, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Olive Rush papers
Identifier:	AAA.rusholiv
Date:	1879-1967
Extent:	6.3 Linear feet
Creator:	Rush, Olive, 1873-1966
Language:	English
Summary:	The papers of Olive Rush measure 6.3 linear feet and date from 1879 to 1967. They contain correspondence, artwork, photographs, writings, and other personal papers documenting Rush's education and career as an illustrator, portraitist, muralist, painter, teacher, and promoter of Native American art.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Olive Rush donated the bulk of her papers to the Archives of American Art in 1963 and 1964. Additional exhibition catalogs and photographs were added to the collection upon her death in 1966. An anonymous donation of diaries, sketchbooks, and a photograph was received by the Archives in 1970. Also in 1970, the Olive Rush Memorial Studio lent papers for microfilming. Many, but not all, of the loaned materials were later donated.

Separated Materials

The Archives of American Art also holds material lent for microfilming (reel SW4) including scrapbooks, photographs, clippings, and exhibition catalogs. Most of this material was later donated, but some items remain with the lender and are not described in the collection container inventory.

Related Archival Materials

The Archives of American Art holds a brief oral history interview with Olive Rush concerning her involvement with Federal Art Projects.

Available Formats

The papers of **Olive Rush** in the Archives of American Art were digitized in 2006, and total 9,058 images.

Materials which have not been scanned include art reproductions, programs for cultural events, and photographs of works of art. Exhibition catalogs and periodicals that refer to Rush or to her work with Native American artists have had their covers and those references scanned, and

other periodicals and pamphlets have had only covers scanned. Photographs of works of art have not been scanned, except for installation views and photographs of murals and frescoes in situ.

Material lent for microfilming is available on 35mm microfilm reel SW4 at the Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Processing Information

The collection typically received preliminary processing at some point after receipt and was partially microfilmed on reel SW4. The entire collection was fully processed, arranged, and described by Megan McShea in 2005 and the bulk of it was scanned, with funding provided by the Terra Foundation for American Art.

Preferred Citation

Olive Rush papers, 1879-1967. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

Restrictions

The bulk of the collection has been digitized and is available online via AAA's website. Use of material not digitized requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

The Olive Rush papers are owned by the Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution. Literary rights as possessed by the donor have been dedicated to public use for research, study, and scholarship. The collection is subject to all copyright laws.

Biographical Note

Olive Rush was born in Fairmount, Indiana in 1875 to a Quaker farm family of six children, and attended nearby Earlham College, a Quaker school with a studio art program. Encouraged by her teacher, Rush enrolled in the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C. in 1890, where she stayed for two years and achieved early recognition for her work. In 1893, Rush joined the Indiana delegation of artists to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

In 1894, she moved to New York City and continued her studies at the Art Students League with Henry Siddons Mowbray, John Twachtman, and Augustus St. Gaudens. She secured her first job as an illustrator with Harper and Brothers and quickly started doing additional illustration work for *Good Housekeeping*, *Scribner's*, *The Delineator*, *Woman's Home Companion*, *Sunday Magazine* and *St. Nicholas Magazine*. Rush also became a staff artist at the *New York Tribune* and illustrated several books.

In 1904, Rush sent an inquiry with samples of her work to master illustrator Howard Pyle, who had established what was then the only school of illustration in the country in Wilmington, Delaware. There he provided free instruction to a small number hand-picked artists culled from hundreds of applicants. Although Pyle did not admit women to his studio, he encouraged her to come and join the class for lectures and criticisms. Rush moved to Delaware later that year, joining a growing number of female illustrators there including Ethel Pennewill Brown (later Leach), Blanche Chloe Grant, Sarah Katherine Smith, and Harriet Roosevelt Richards, among others. Rush and her female colleagues lived together in a boarding house known as Tusculum, which became well-known as a gathering place for women artists.

Rush traveled to Europe in 1910, embarking on a period of intense study and travel which would mark a steady transition from illustration to painting. She studied at Newlyn in Cornwall, England and then in France with the American impressionist Richard E. Miller. She returned to Wilmington in 1911, where she moved into Pyle's studio with Ethel Pennewill Brown. Rush bounced to New York, Boston, and back to France, where she lived for a time with fellow artists Alice Schille, Ethel Pennewill Brown, and Orville Houghton Peets. Her reputation grew, and she began to exhibit regularly in major national and regional juried exhibitions including the Carnegie, Pennsylvania Academy, and Corcoran annual exhibitions, as well as the Hoosier Salon.

In 1914, Rush made her first trip to Arizona and New Mexico. Passing through Santa Fe on her return trip, Rush made contact with the artists community at the Museum of New Mexico, where she secured an impromptu solo exhibition after showing her new work, inspired by the landscape of the Southwest. She made Santa Fe her permanent home in 1920 in an adobe cottage on Canyon Road, which became a main thoroughfare of the Santa Fe artists' community.

Rush began to experiment with fresco painting, and developed her own techniques suitable to the local climate. She became a sought-after muralist and was asked to create frescoes for many private homes and businesses. In her painting, she often depicted the Native American dances and ceremonies she attended. She exhibited these paintings around the country, including with the Society of Independent Artists in New York, and in the Corcoran Annual Juried exhibition, where Mrs. Herbert Hoover and Duncan Phillips both purchased her work.

In 1932, Rush was hired to teach at the Santa Fe Indian School. Rush's enthusiastic work in the 1930s with the young pueblo artists is credited with helping to bring about a flourishing of Native American visual art in New Mexico. Rush continued to work with native artists throughout her life, and many of her associates went on to gain national reputations, including Harrison Begay, Awa-Tsireh, Pop Chalee, Pablita Valerde, and Ha-So-De (Narciso Abeyta).

From 1934 to 1939, Rush executed murals for the Public Works of Art Project (PWAP) and the Federal Art Project (FAP) of the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Rush's federal art projects included murals for the Santa Fe Public Library (1934), the Biology Building of the New Mexico Agricultural College (1935), the Pawhuska, Oklahoma Post Office (1938), and the Florence, Colorado Post Office (1939). Rush was also asked to join the Advisory Committee on Indian Art created by the PWAP in 1934, to help administer a segment of the program aimed at employing Native American artists.

In her later years, Rush's artwork became increasingly experimental, incorporating the ideas of Chinese painting, Native American art, and her contemporaries, the modernists, especially Wassily Kandinsky. She continued painting and exhibiting until 1964, when illness prohibited her from working. She died in 1966, leaving her home and studio to the Santa Fe Society of Friends.

Sources consulted for this biography include *Olive Rush: A Hoosier Artist in New Mexico* (1992) by Stanley L. Cuba, and *Almost Forgotten: Delaware Women Artists and Arts Patrons 1900-1950* (2002) by Janice Haynes Gilmore.

Scope and Contents

The records of Olive Rush measure 6.3 linear feet and date from 1879 to 1967. They contain correspondence, artwork, photographs, writings, and other records that document her education and career as an illustrator, portraitist, muralist, painter, and promoter of Native American art.

Biographical materials include several narratives written by Rush and others, as well as a few items related to Delaware artist Ethel Pennewill Brown Leach, Rush's close friend and colleague. Correspondence spans Rush's education and career, and documents her early career in illustration,

purchases and exhibitions of her work, her efforts to secure exhibitions for Native American artists, and her dealings with administrators of Federal Art Projects of the 1930s.

Writings include diaries from Rush's early years, including an especially detailed diary from her Santa Fe Indian School mural project in 1932. Also found are lectures, talks, essays, notebooks with technical experiments and aesthetic ideas, and loose notes for her FAP project at the New Mexico College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts.

Records of Rush's artwork include two record books, receipts for supplies and shipments, price lists, inventories, records of submissions, and a small number of similar records of artwork by Native American artists. Sketchbooks, loose sketches, and drawings by Rush span her entire career and include many studies and proposed designs for murals and frescoes.

Printed Materials consist of exhibition catalogs, clippings, and reproductions of artwork, especially illustration work from Rush's early career. Photographs include a class photograph from the Corcoran School of Art circa 1890 and many of Rush and her fellow artists in Wilmington, Delaware from around 1904 to 1910. Photographs of works of art document Rush's murals and frescoes in private homes, businesses, and public buildings.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into seven series:

- Series 1: Biographical Material, 1886-1966 (Box 1; 7 folders)
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1889-1964 (Boxes 1-2, 8; 1.4 linear feet)
- Series 3: Writings, 1886-1962 (Box 2; 0.6 linear feet)
- Series 4: Records of Artwork, 1904-1956 (Box 3; 8 folders)
- Series 5: Artwork, 1896-1957 (Boxes 3-4, 7, OV 8-12; 1 linear foot)
- Series 6: Printed Materials, 1879-1967 (Boxes 4-5, 7, OV 13; 1.6 linear feet)
- Series 7: Photographs, circa 1890-1966 (Box 6; 0.4 linear feet)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

American Indians in art
Art and state
Illustrators -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe
Mural painting and decoration -- 20th century -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe
Muralists -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe
Painters -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe
Women painters -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe

Types of Materials:

Diaries
Photographs
Sketches

Names:

United States. Dept. of the Treasury. Section of Fine Arts

Container Listing

Series 1: Biographical Material, 1886-1966, undated

7 Folders (Box 1)

This series contains biographical narratives, bank records, bills and receipts, identification and membership cards, programs, certificates, and other personal printed materials. Many of the biographical narratives were written by Rush herself. Other narratives are by Sylvia Loomis, W. Thetford LeViness, and Gustave Baumann. Personal Documents include identification and membership cards, Rush's 1947 honorary Doctorate degree from Earlham College, and printed invitations to Rush's garden parties. A nineteenth century alphabet picture book is filed here as an artifact. Biographical materials for Ethel Pennewill Brown Leach include undated pen and ink illustrations, biographical narratives, exhibition catalogs, and clippings.

Box 1, Folder 1	Narratives, 1920-1966, undated Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 2	Notes on Rush Family Ancestry, undated Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 3	Financial Records, 1905-1962 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 4	Financial Records, 1905-1962 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 5	Personal Documents, 1886-1909, undated, undated Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 6	Artifact, undated Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 7	Ethel Pennewill Brown Leach, 1952-1960, undated Image(s)

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Series 2: Correspondence, 1889-1964

1.4 Linear feet (Boxes 1-2, 8)

Correspondence includes personal and business letters from Rush's family and friends, clients, galleries, and administrators of the Federal Art Project. Subjects include personal matters, Rush's illustrations for magazines and books, private commissions of portraits and murals, the exhibition and sale of her work at galleries and other venues around the country, Rush's Federal Art Project murals in the 1930s, and her artistic association with and promotion of Native American artists. Sales of artwork are often documented in this series with notes from buyers.

Significant correspondents include Lou Henry Hoover (Mrs. Herbert Hoover); fellow Howard Pyle studio student Ethel Pennewill Brown Leach; Chicago artist Laura van Pappelendam; literary critic Marius Bewley; arts educator Dorothy Dunn; Hilla Rebay of the Guggenheim Foundation; curators Mary Cabot Wheelwright and Florence Bennett; writers Haniel Long, Witter Bynner, and May Sarton; and Brooklyn artist Beulah Stevenson. Federal Art Project administrators with correspondence in this series include Edward B. Rowan, J.L. Nusbaum, Edward Bruce, Holger Cahill, and R. Vernon Hunter. A few brief letters from Georgia O'Keeffe are also found.

Among correspondence are original prints sent as greeting cards from artists the Applegate's, C.W. Ashley, Josef Bakos, Gustav Bauman (1927, 1937, 1944), Kathleen Blackshear, Margaret Britton, Ruth M. Hallock, Edward and Jo Hopper, Marguerite and Charles Kassler (1929), Hannah McCord Rhett, Mary Riley, Will Shuster (1927), and Agnes Tait (1937). (Unless otherwise indicated, these cards are filed with undated correspondence.)

Received letters are sometimes annotated with Rush's detailed notes concerning the business at hand. Outgoing drafts of Rush's replies are also occasionally found. Fragments of letters are common.

Correspondence is arranged chronologically, with undated correspondence arranged alphabetically at the end of the series.

Box 1, Folder 8	Correspondence, 1889-1892 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 9	Correspondence, 1892-1896 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 10	Correspondence, 1896-1899 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 11	Correspondence, 1900-1905 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 12	Correspondence, 1905-1906 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 13	Correspondence, 1906 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 14	Correspondence, 1907

	Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 15	Correspondence, 1907 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 16	Correspondence, 1908 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 17	Correspondence, 1908-1909 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 18	Correspondence, 1910-1912 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 19	Correspondence, 1913 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 20	Correspondence, 1914-1917 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 21	Correspondence, 1918-1919 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 22	Correspondence, 1920-1922 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 23	Correspondence, 1923-1924 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 24	Correspondence, 1924-1926 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 25	Correspondence, 1927-1928 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 26	Correspondence, 1928-1929 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 27	Correspondence, 1930 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 28	Correspondence, 1930 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 29	Correspondence, 1931

	Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 30	Correspondence, 1931 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 31	Correspondence, 1932 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 32	Correspondence, 1933 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 33	Correspondence, 1933 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 34	Correspondence, 1933 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 35	Correspondence, 1934-1935 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 36	Correspondence, 1935-1936 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 37	Correspondence, 1936 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 38	Correspondence, 1936-1937 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 39	Correspondence, 1938 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 40	Correspondence, 1938-1939 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 41	Correspondence, 1939 Image(s) See also OV 8
Box 1, Folder 42	Correspondence, 1940 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 43	Correspondence, 1940 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 45	Correspondence, 1941

	Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 46	Correspondence, 1941 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 47	Correspondence, 1942 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 48	Correspondence, 1943-1944 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 49	Correspondence, 1945-1946 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 50	Correspondence, 1947-1948 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 51	Correspondence, 1949 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 52	Correspondence, 1950-1951 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 53	Correspondence, 1952-1954 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 54	Correspondence, 1955-1956 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 55	Correspondence, 1957 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 56	Correspondence, 1957 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 57	Correspondence, 1958 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 58	Correspondence, 1959 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 59	Correspondence, 1960 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 60	Correspondence, 1961

	Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 61	Correspondence, 1961 Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 1	Correspondence, 1962 Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1962 Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 3	Correspondence, 1963-1964 Image(s)
	Correspondence, undated
Box 2, Folder 4	A-B Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 5	B Image(s): A-B
Box 2, Folder 6	Bewley, Marius Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 7	C-F Image(s): C-L
Box 2, Folder 8	G-H Image(s): C-L
Box 2, Folder 9	I-L Image(s): C-L
Box 2, Folder 10	Leach, Ethel Pennewill Brown Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 11	M-N Image(s): M-R
Box 2, Folder 12	O-R Image(s): M-R
Box 2, Folder 13	Rush, Olive

	Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 14	Rush (other than Olive) Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 15	Rush (other than Olive) Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 16	S-V Image(s): S-Y
Box 2, Folder 17	W-Y Image(s): S-Y
Box 2, Folder 18	First Names Only, A-D Image(s): First Names Only, A-V
Box 2, Folder 19	First Names Only, E-H Image(s): First Names Only, A-V
Box 2, Folder 20	First Names Only, I-L Image(s): First Names Only, A-V
Box 2, Folder 21	First Names Only, M-N Image(s): First Names Only, A-V
Box 2, Folder 22	First Names Only, S-V Image(s): First Names Only, A-V
Box 2, Folder 23	Unsigned Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 24	Unsigned Image(s)
Box OV 8	Oversized Correspondence See Box 1, F41

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Series 3: Writings, 1886-1962, undated

0.6 Linear feet (Box 2)

This series contains diaries, notes, transcripts of lectures/talks, and other writings by Olive Rush, mostly about art, aesthetics, and art techniques. Also found are personal writings, creative writing, and writings of others. Rush's early diaries concern her childhood, education, and early career, including her experiences at the Corcoran School in Washington, D.C. and her arrival in New York City, where she studied with Henry Siddons Mowbray and Augustus St. Gaudens. A 1932 diary contains a daily account of her experience creating murals with young Native American artists at the Santa Fe Indian School. Rush's talks and lectures address mostly art-related topics, including art appreciation, modern art, her own art, and Indian art. Essays include a couple of brief, handwritten essays about Indian art.

Notebooks include a book labeled "Analysis" which contains compositional analyses of modern paintings, detailed notes on other art subjects, and sketches. Two other notebooks contain records of her experiments and practices with art materials, particularly frescoes, for which she developed her own techniques suitable to the New Mexican climate. Detailed notes are found concerning Rush's mural project for the Biology Building at the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, a Federal Public Works of Art Project, as well as loose notes on a range of art subjects. Miscellaneous Notes contain contact information and other personal notes.

Other writings are found in Series 1. More details on the Agricultural College mural are found in 1938 correspondence with R. Vernon Hunter, and many sketches for that project are found in Artwork (Series 4).

Diaries

Box 2, Folder 25	Fragments, 1907, 1890, 1900, undated Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 26	Bound Volume, 1886 Image(s): Bound Volumes
Box 2, Folder 27	Bound Volume, 1891 Image(s): Bound Volumes
Box 2, Folder 28	Bound Volume, 1892 Image(s): Bound Volumes
Box 2, Folder 29	Bound Volume, 1892-1896 Image(s): Bound Volumes
Box 2, Folder 30	Indian School, 1932, undated Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 31	Talks and Lectures by Olive Rush, 1947, undated, undated Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 32	Stories, Poetry, Essays of Olive Rush, 1890, undated

[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 33 Stories, Poetry, Essays of Olive Rush, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)

Notebooks

Box 2, Folder 34 "Analysis," circa 1934-1935
[Image\(s\)](#)
(contains sketches)

Box 2, Folder 35 Fresco Experiments, 1920
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 36 "Technical Art Notes," circa 1920s
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 37 Miscellaneous Notes, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 38 Notes for Mural in Biology Building, New Mexico Agricultural College, circa 1935
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 39 Notes on Art Subjects, 1924-1958, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 40 Notes on Art Subjects, 1924-1958, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 41 Notes on Art Subjects, 1924-1958, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 42 Notes on Art Subjects, 1924-1958, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 43 Miscellaneous Notes, 1919-1953, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 44 Miscellaneous Notes, 1919-1953, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 45 Miscellaneous Notes, 1919-1953, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 2, Folder 46 Miscellaneous Notes, 1919-1953, undated

	Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 47	Miscellaneous Notes, 1919-1953, undated Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 48	Miscellaneous Notes, 1919-1953, undated Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 49	Writings of Others, 1919-1921, undated Image(s) (Lectures on Dynamic Symmetry by Jay Hambidge, pamphlet on lithography by Lawrence Barrett, miscellaneous quotations, prayers, and poems)
Box 2, Folder 50	Writings of Others, 1919-1921, undated Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 51	Writings of Others, 1919-1921, undated Image(s)

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Series 4: Records of Artwork, 1904-1956, undated

8 Folders (Box 3)

This series contains business records related to artwork by Olive Rush and Native American artists Rush worked with and helped to promote.

Records of Artwork by Olive Rush make up the bulk of this series, including notebooks that record individual titles of works, prices, and sometimes sale and exhibition information; bills and receipts for supplies, framing, and other work expenses; and lists of inventories, submissions, and prices. Scattered receipts of painting sales are filed with price lists. Additional sales information can be found in Correspondence.

Records of Artwork by Native American Artists include lists of artists' names and works, price lists, and records of exhibitions.

Records of Artwork by Olive Rush

Box 3, Folder 1	Record Books (1918-1920), undated Image(s): Record Books (1918-1920, 1919-1951)
Box 3, Folder 2	Record Books (1919-1951), undated Image(s): Record Books (1918-1920, 1919-1951)
Box 3, Folder 3	Bills and Receipts, 1904-1924, 1940-1941 Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 4	Lists, Prices, Submissions, 1913-1933 Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 5	Lists, Prices, Submissions, 1935-1954 Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 6	Lists, Prices, Submissions, undated Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 7	Lists, Prices, Submissions, undated Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 8	Records of Artwork by Native American Artists, 1933-1956, undated Image(s)

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Series 5: Artwork, 1896-1957, undated

1 Linear foot (Boxes 3-4, 7, OV 8-12)

This series contains loose sketches and drawings, sketchbooks, woodcuts, and lithographs by Olive Rush, along with a few artworks created by others.

Sketches and Drawings are grouped by subject matter, with those representing Rush's murals and frescoes filed separately. There is some crossover among the subject categories, and sketches and drawings made for murals in particular are likely to be found in other categories. Although most sketches are unidentified, murals and frescoes known to be represented here include Rush's Federal Art Project murals at the Santa Fe Public Library, the New Mexico College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts, and the Pawhuska, Oklahoma Post Office. Also represented are privately commissioned works, including murals and frescoes created for the La Fonda Hotel of Santa Fe, the Sandia School in Albuquerque, and the homes of Florence Barrett, Cyrus McCormick, and Mary Wheelwright, among others. Photographs of many of Rush's murals and frescoes are found in Series 7.

Among the other sketches and drawings are scenes of Native American reservation life, scenes from home and travel destinations, studies for Rush's illustrations, portraits, and other paintings, and abstract, non-objective drawings. Sketches and Drawings are mostly executed in pencil, but are also found in colored pencil, charcoal, watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, and oil.

Sketchbooks contain a similar range of subjects and media, with sketches sometimes accompanied by notes and information about location and date of execution. Artwork by Others includes works by Charles Barrows, Edgar Miller, Dorothy Stewart, Mootzka, Will Shuster, and Ethel Pennewill Brown Leach. See Correspondence for prints received by Rush as greeting cards. Additional drawings by Ethel P.B. Leach are found in Biographical Materials.

Sketches and Drawings

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Box 3, Folder 10	Murals and Frescoes, circa 1919-1938, undated Image(s) see also OV 8 and 12
Box 3, Folder 11	Murals and Frescoes, circa 1919-1938, undated Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 12	Murals and Frescoes, circa 1919-1938, undated Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 13	Murals and Frescoes, circa 1919-1938, undated Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 14	Murals and Frescoes, circa 1919-1938, undated Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 15	Murals and Frescoes, circa 1919-1938, undated

	Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 16	Murals and Frescoes, circa 1919-1938, undated Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 17	Landscapes, 1897-1948, undated Image(s) see also OV 9
Box 3, Folder 18	Landscapes, 1897-1948, undated Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 19	Landscapes, 1897-1948, undated Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 20	Landscapes, 1897-1948, undated Image(s)
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	Image(s) see also OV 11
Box 3, Folder 45	Flora, undated Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 46	Abstract, undated Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 47	Abstract, undated Image(s)
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Box 3, Folder 49	Miscellaneous Subjects, 1883, undated Image(s)
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Box 3, Folder 53	Sketchbooks, 1912-1930 Image(s)
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Box 3, Folder 55	Sketchbooks, 1912-1930 Image(s)
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	Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 4	Sketchbooks, 1931-1948 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 5	Sketchbooks, 1931-1948 Image(s)
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Box 4, Folder 7	Sketchbooks, 1931-1948 Image(s) see also Box 7
Box 4, Folder 8	Woodcuts and Lithographs, 1926, undated Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 9	Woodcuts and Lithographs (Duplicates), 1926, undated
Box 4, Folder 10	Artwork by Others, 1927, undated Image(s) see also OV 11
Box 4, Folder 11	Children's Drawings, undated Image(s)
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Box OV 10	Oversized Sketches of Figures See Box 3, F26
Box OV 11	Oversized Sketches of Animals See Box 3, F37
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Box OV 11	Oversized Artwork by Others

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Box OV 12 Large Oversized Sketches for Murals and Frescoes
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Box OV 12 Large Oversized Sketches of Figures
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Series 6: Printed Materials, 1879-1967, undated

1.6 Linear feet (Boxes 4-5, 7, OV 13)

This series contains exhibition catalogs; newspaper and magazine clippings; reproductions of Rush's illustrations, paintings, and murals; periodicals; postcards; programs from the theater and other cultural events; pamphlets; and other printed miscellany. Exhibition catalogs, making up the bulk of this series, are for Rush's solo and group exhibitions throughout her career, and for other artists as well. A poster designed by Rush for the Plastic Club (founded 1897), a club for female artists in Philadelphia, is filed here.

Box 4, Folder 12	Exhibition Catalogs, 1891-1911 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 13	Exhibition Catalogs, 1912-1913 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 14	Exhibition Catalogs, 1914-1915 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 15	Exhibition Catalogs, 1916-1917 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 16	Exhibition Catalogs, 1918-1919 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 17	Exhibition Catalogs, 1920-1921 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 18	Exhibition Catalogs, 1922-1923 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 19	Exhibition Catalogs, 1924 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 20	Exhibition Catalogs, 1926 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 21	Exhibition Catalogs, 1927-1928 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 22	Exhibition Catalogs, 1928 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 23	Exhibition Catalogs, 1929 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 24	Exhibition Catalogs, 1931

	Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 25	Exhibition Catalogs, 1932-1934 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 26	Exhibition Catalogs, 1935-1937 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 27	Exhibition Catalogs, 1938 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 28	Exhibition Catalogs, 1938 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 29	Exhibition Catalogs, 1939-1940 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 30	Exhibition Catalogs, 1941-1943 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 31	Exhibition Catalogs, 1944-1947 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 32	Exhibition Catalogs, 1948-1950 Image(s)
Box 4, Folder 33	Exhibition Catalogs, 1951-1954 Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 1	Exhibition Catalogs, 1955-1956 Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 2	Exhibition Catalogs, 1957 Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 3	Exhibition Catalogs, 1958-1963 Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 4	Exhibition Catalogs, undated Image(s)
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	Clippings

Box 5, Folder 6	General, 1879-1919 Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 7	General, 1920-1925 Image(s)
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Box 5, Folder 9	General, 1928-1929 Image(s)
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Box 5, Folder 12	General, 1940-1949 Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 13	General, 1950-1956 Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 14	General, 1957-1959 Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 15	General, 1960-1967 Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 16	General, undated Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 17	General, undated Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 18	Howard Pyle, undated Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 19	Images, undated Image(s) See also Box 7
Box 5, Folder 20	Native American Subjects, 1913-1932, undated

- [Image\(s\)](#)
See also Box 7
- Box 5, Folder 21 Rush Family, 1938-1958, 1905-1910, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 5, Folder 22 Poster for Plastic Club Exhibition by Olive Rush, circa 1900-1904
[Image\(s\)](#)
see OV 13
- Box 5, Folder 23 Reproductions of Rush Artwork, 1901-1917, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)
See also Box 7 and OV 13
- Box 5, Folder 24 Reproductions of Rush Artwork, 1901-1917, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 5, Folder 25 Reproductions of Rush Artwork, 1901-1917, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 5, Folder 26 Reproductions of Rush Artwork (Duplicates), 1901-1917, undated
- Box 5, Folder 27-28 Other Art Reproductions and Postcards, undated
- Periodicals
- Box 5, Folder 29 Olive Rush Articles, 1911-1912, 1926-1932
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 5, Folder 30 Olive Rush Articles, 1935-1939
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 5, Folder 31 Olive Rush Articles, 1940-1960
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 5, Folder 32 Native American Subjects, 1932-1958
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 5, Folder 33 *Playboy: a Portfolio of Art and Satire*, 1919, undated
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- Box 5, Folder 35 Programs for Cultural Events, 1896-1941, undated

Box 5, Folder 36	Pamphlets, 1896-1962, undated Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 37	Pamphlets, 1896-1962, undated Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 38	Miscellaneous Printed Material, 1908-1962, undated Image(s)
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Series 7: Photographs, circa 1890-1966

0.4 Linear feet (Boxes 6-7)

Photographs in this series depict Olive Rush, her schools, classmates, friends, colleagues, homes, and artwork. Class pictures include a group photograph from the Corcoran School of Art circa 1890, and from the John Herron Art Institute from 1920. Photographs from Rush's Delaware years depict the residents of "Tusculum," a boarding house used by female artists who attended Howard Pyle's studio lectures and criticisms, and the interior of the Howard Pyle studio, where Rush lived with Ethel Pennewill Brown (later Leach) during Pyle's absence in 1911.

The bulk of photographs of artwork depict Rush's murals in the Midwest and Southwest, some in private residences and businesses, and others created for the Federal Art Project in public facilities. A series of photographs also depict Rush working with local Navajo, Taos, and Apache artists on frescoes at Maisel's Indian Trading Post in Albuquerque

Dates given in parentheses are execution dates of artwork and should not be confused with record dates. Apart from installation views, murals, and frescoes, photographs of artwork have not been digitized.

Box 6, Folder 1	Portrait of Olive Rush, undated Image(s)
Box 6, Folder 2	Portrait of Olive Rush (Duplicate Print, Copy Print), undated
Box 6, Folder 3	Olive Rush with Paintings, circa 1940-1960 Image(s)
Box 6, Folder 4	Olive Rush Studio and Garden, Santa Fe, 1966, undated Image(s)
Box 6, Folder 5	Class Pictures, Corcoran School of Art and John Herron Art Institute, 1920, circa 1890-1892 Image(s)
Box 6, Folder 6	Class Picture, Corcoran School of Art and John Herron Art Institute (Copy), undated
Box 6, Folder 7	Delaware, "Tusculum," Howard Pyle Studio, circa 1904-1912 Image(s) (Olive Rush, Ethel Pennewill Brown, Blanche C. Grant, Harriet Roosevelt Richards, and others unidentified)
Box 6, Folder 8	Delaware, "Tusculum," Howard Pyle Studio, circa 1904-1912 Image(s) (Olive Rush, Ethel Pennewill Brown, Blanche C. Grant, Harriet Roosevelt Richards, and others unidentified)
Box 6, Folder 9	Delaware, "Tusculum," Howard Pyle Studio (Duplicates), circa 1904-1912

(Olive Rush, Ethel Pennewill Brown, Blanche C. Grant, Harriet Roosevelt Richards, and others unidentified)

- Box 6, Folder 10 Miscellaneous Early Life, circa 1900-1910
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 6, Folder 11 Miscellaneous People, 1904-1946, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)
(Beulah Stevenson and Ethel Pennewill Leach, others unidentified)
- Box 6, Folder 12 Miscellaneous Southwestern Scenes, circa 1920-1960
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 6, Folder 13 Miscellaneous Landscapes and Seascapes, 1940, undated
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 6, Folder 14 Rush and Native American Artists Painting Frescoes at Maisel's Indian Trading Post, Albuquerque, NM;, 1939
[Image\(s\)](#)
(Rush, Harrison Begay, Awa-Tsireh, Pop Chalee; artwork of Pablita Valerde, Ha-So-De (Narciso Abeyta) and Wilson Dewey shown)

Photographs of Artwork

- Box 6, Folder 15 Installation Views, Wall Panels in Private Home, undated
[Image\(s\): Installation Views, Wall Panels in Private Home;](#)
- Box 6, Folder 16 Installation Views, Wall Panels in Private Home (Copies), undated
- Box 6, Folder 17 Altar Painting, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Wilmington, DE (1907), undated
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 6, Folder 18 Panels, Nathaniel Hawthorne School, Indianapolis, IN (1919), undated
[Image\(s\)](#)
See also Box 7
- Box 6, Folder 19 Frescoes, La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, NM (1929), undated
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 6, Folder 20 Frescoes, La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, NM (1929) (Copies), undated
- Box 6, Folder 21 Mural, Santa Fe Public Library (1934), undated
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 6, Folder 22 Mural, Santa Fe Public Library (1934) (Copies), undated

Box 6, Folder 23	Frescoes in Home of Florence Bartlett, 1934 Image(s)
Box 6, Folder 24	Frescoes in Home of Florence Bartlett (Copies), 1934
Box 6, Folder 25	Mural, Biology Building of New Mexico Agricultural College (1935), undated Image(s)
Box 6, Folder 26	Mural "Osages," Pawhuska, Oklahoma Post Office (1938), undated Image(s)
Box 6, Folder 27	Mural "Osages," Pawhuska, Oklahoma Post Office (1938) (Copies), undated
Box 6, Folder 28	Mural "Antelopes," Florence, Colorado Post Office (1939), undated Image(s)
Box 6, Folder 29	Mural "Antelopes," Florence, Colorado Post Office (1939), undated Image(s)
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