



# Smithsonian

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Meyer Schapiro papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Meyer Schapiro papers
<b>Date:</b>	1949-1982
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.schameye
<b>Creator:</b>	Schapiro, Meyer, 1904-
<b>Extent:</b>	0.4 Linear feet ((partially microfilmed on 2 partial microfilm reels))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1982-1985 by Meyer Schapiro.

### Related Materials

Meyer Schapiro papers, 1923-1991, are located at Columbia University Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 3458 available only at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and through interlibrary loan.

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35mm microfilm reel 3475 available at AAA's Washington, D.C. office; the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; 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 historian, New York, N.Y. Died March 4, 1996. Schapiro met Gandy Brodie in 1946. He wrote a catalog introduction for a Brodie exhibition, 1967, eulogy for his memorial service, 1975, and a catalog introduction for a Forrest Bess retrospective at the Betty Parsons Gallery, 1962.

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## Scope and Contents

Material relating to painters Gandy Brodie and Forrest Bess.

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REEL 3458: Letters from Bess, some illustrated with sketches, diagrams, clippings, or black and white snapshots. Some of the later letters relate to Bess's life in Bay City, Texas, his work, his dealings with gallery owner Betty Parsons, and his stays in a state mental ward and a Veterans' Administration hospital. Also includes copies of letters from Bess to other correspondents, and a copy of a letter from Schapiro to Bess; an exhibition catalog; and a photocopy of a list of letters from Bess lent by Schapiro to the Whitney Museum of American Art.

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## Scope and Contents

REEL 3475: A letter from Bess to Schapiro and his wife Lillian; a letter to Bess from ART NEWS rejecting his article; photocopies of letters, notes and diagrams by Bess.

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UNMICROFILMED: Materials relating to Gandy Brodie, including 68 letters and postcards, some illustrated, from Brodie; a poem by Brodie; a list of Brodie exhibitions; and a catalog for an exhibition at Durlacher Bros., 1955.

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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 -- Study and teaching -- New York (State) -- New York  
Painting, American

Names:

Bess, Forrest, 1911-1977  
Brodie, Gandy, 1925-1975

Occupations:

Art historians