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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	William Valentine Schevill papers
Identifier:	AAA.schewill
Date:	[ca. 1880-1935]
Creator:	Shevill, William Valentine, 1864-1951
Extent:	5.3 Linear feet
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1996 by Barbara Lawrence (Mrs. William E.) Schevill, daughter-in-law of William V. Schevill and in 1998 by Peter Lawrence, a grandson.

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

Portrait painter; Cincinnati, Oh., St. Louis, Mo., New York, N.Y., and Munich, Germany. The original spelling of the family name was Schwill. Among Schevill's important sitters are Prince Henry of Prussia, Schevill's brother, the historian Ferdinand Schevill, and President William Howard Taft.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence; art work, consisting of sketches (including a pencil sketch of Ferdinand Schevill), sketchbooks, drawings, and oil sketches on board; lists of works kept by his wife, Elizabeth Meier Schevill; exhibition announcements; clippings; photographs of Schevill, his family, his work, and his studio/living quarters in Munich, Germany; reference photographs; and printed material. Included in the correspondence is a note from President Taft and a telegram from Princess Irene of Prussia.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Shevill, Ferdinand, 1868-1954 -- Portraits
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930

Occupations:

Portrait painters -- Germany -- Munich
Portrait painters -- Ohio -- Cincinnati

Functions:

Artists' studios -- Germany