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William Henry Shelton autobiography

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	William Henry Shelton autobiography
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.shelwill
<b>Date:</b>	1840-1890
<b>Extent:</b>	450 Pages ((on partial microfilm reel))
<b>Creator:</b>	Shelton, W. H. (William Henry), 1840-1932?
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Lent 1974 by the New-York Historical Society.

### Location of Originals

Originals in: New-York Historical Society.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 800 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

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## Scope and Contents

Typescript of Shelton's unpublished autobiography, in which he writes of his boyhood in New York and his experiences in the Civil War. Shelton also describes his career as an artist-illustrator in New York City, beginning in 1871, work for LESLIE'S, HARPER'S, CENTURY, and the NEW YORK LEDGER, how engraving was done, the beginning of the artists' colony at Cold Spring Harbor with Stanley Reinhart, Arthur Quartley, and others, the work of Frank Smith, the colony at East Hampton, and recollections of the Tile Club and the Salmagundi Club.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, American -- New York (State) -- New York  
Artist colonies -- United States

Names:

Harper's Magazine  
Quartley, Arthur, 1839-1886  
Reinhart, Charles Stanley, 1844-1896  
Salmagundi Club  
Smith, Francis Hopkinson, 1838-1915  
Tile Club

Occupations:

Authors -- New York (State) -- New York  
Engravers -- New York (State) -- New York  
Illustrators -- New York (State) -- New York  
Soldiers -- New York (State) -- New York

Preferred Titles:

*Century illustrated monthly magazine*  
*Frank Leslie's illustrated newspaper*  
*New York ledger*