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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Wilmington Museum of Art papers
Date:	1938-1942
Identifier:	AAA.stjohn
Creator:	St. John's Museum of Art
Extent:	0.2 Linear feet ((93 items))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1976 by Winston Broadfoot.

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

Art museum, Wilmington, N.C. Opened in 1938 with the help of federal aid administered through the Federal Art Program of the Works Progress Administration (later the Work Projects Administration). Most of its exhibits consisted of art borrowed on a loan basis. When the second World War began, the Museum took exhibitions to military camps in the surrounding area. In addition, art classes for children and adults were offered through the Museum. In the mid-1940s, the building (called St. John's Lodge No. 1) was given by its owner to the city, and the Museum eventually became a permanent civic institution, now known as the St. John's Art Museum, Wilmington, N.C.

Scope and Contents

A list of watercolors and artists, under the heading "New Englan Coast"; annual reports; minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees and of annual meetings; a form letter to members of the museum, 1939; lists of contributors, 1938-1940. There is one item dated 1976, a form letter about a reunion of the class of 1941 of the University of North Carolina.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art and state -- United States
Federal aid to public welfare
Federal aid to the arts
New Deal, 1933-1939

Names:

Federal Art Project
United States. Work Projects Administration
United States. Works Progress Administration

Functions:

Art museums -- North Carolina -- Wilmington