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Thomas Sully papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Thomas Sully papers
<b>Date:</b>	1792-1871
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.sullthom2
<b>Creator:</b>	Sully, Thomas, 1783-1872
<b>Extent:</b>	3 Items ((619 p. on 1 microfilm reel))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Microfilmed 1956 by the Archives of American Art with other art-related papers in the Manuscript Division of the New York Public Library. Included in the microfilming project were selected papers of the Art Division and the Prints Division.

### Location of Originals

Originals in the New York Public Library, Manuscript Division.

### Other Finding Aids

Finding aid available at Archives of American Art offices, filed New York Public Library.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel N18 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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## Biographical / Historical

Portrait painter; Philadelphia, Pa.

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## Scope and Contents

Register of paintings, 1801-1871 (1 v., 139 p.); Sully's hints for pictures, 1809-1871 (179 p. typescript), including techniques for painting portraits, ingredients for colors, care and preservation of paintings, criticisms of other artists and explanations of their paintings and techniques; and a journal, 1792-1793 and 1799-1846 (1 v., 301 p. typescript).

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Prints -- 19th century  
Prints -- Technique

Occupations:

Portrait painters -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia