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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	A. Alfred Taubman papers
Date:	circa 1964-2014
Identifier:	AAA.tauba
Creator:	Taubman, A. Alfred
Extent:	14 Linear feet ((on partial microfilm reel))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

A small portion of the papers were lent for microfilming in 1976 by A. Alfred Taubman. The bulk of the papers was donated in 2023 by the A. Alfred Taubman Restated Revocable Trust via William S. Taubman, Trustee.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 1159 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

This collection is temporarily closed to researchers. Researchers interested in accessing audiovisual recordings in this collection must use access copies. Contact References Services for more information.

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Biographical / Historical

A. Alfred Taubman (1924-2015) was a businessperson, collector, and philanthropist in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Scope and Contents

The A. Alfred Taubman papers measure 14.0 linear feet and date from circa 1964-2014. The majority of the collection documents Taubman's extensive art collection, which included works from many different time periods of European

and American Art. The collection includes files for each individual work, including works donated or sold at various points. Files include correspondence, sales invoices and receipts, shipping documents, framing and conservation documents, loan agreements, printed materials, and photographic materials.

Additional material lent for microfilming on reel 1159 in 1976 includes subject files on ten sculptors from whom Taubman purchased sculpture for his company the Taubman Co. Files contain photographs of the artists' works; letters; a sketch; and four exhibition catalogs. Artists include Michelangelo Buonarrotti, Robert Cook, Aaronel de Roy Gruber, David Hayes, Milton Hebard, Wolf Kahn, Joseph Anthony McDonnell, M. Antoine Poncet, Paul von Ringelheim, and Francois Stahly.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art -- Collectors and collecting
Corporations -- Art collections

Names:

Taubman Co. -- Art collections

Occupations:

Philanthropists