



# Smithsonian

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William H. Thomson papers

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b> | Archives of American Art  |
| <b>Title:</b>      | William H. Thomson papers |
| <b>Date:</b>       | 1912-1950                 |
| <b>Identifier:</b> | AAA.thomwill              |
| <b>Creator:</b>    | Thomson, William H.       |
| <b>Extent:</b>     | 9 Items                   |
| <b>Language:</b>   | English .                 |

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated by Mrs. William H. Thomson, 1956-1958.

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Donated 1956 by Mrs. William Thomson, owner of Thomson Galleries.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels D8, D32 and 1817 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

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## Biographical / Historical

Thomson was a dealer and the owner of Thomson Galleries; Detroit, Mich.

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## Scope and Contents

A scrapbook from the Thomson Galleries; scattered photographs; and a letter.

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## Scope and Contents

REEL D32: A scrapbook, 1912-1950, containing clippings on exhibitions at the Thomson Galleries; and four letters of thanks from the Detroit Institute of Art for paintings donated to it by Thomson.

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## Scope and Contents

REEL D8: Two photographs signed by Gutzon Borglum depicting models of his sculpture on Mt. Rushmore under construction. One of the photographs is inscribed by Borglum "for Mr. Wm. H. Thomson".

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## Scope and Contents

REEL 1817 (fr. 760-761): A photograph of art dealer John Levy, annotated by him "To my old friend Wm. H. Thomson, with my highest regards, John Levy." Photographed by Pach Brothers, N.Y.

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## Scope and Contents

UNMICROFILMED: A black and white portrait photograph of Norman F. Wells, inscribed "To Bill Thomson with sincere good wishes Norman F. Wells, January 4, 1937."

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## 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

Types of Materials:

Scrapbooks

Names:

Borglum, Gutzon, 1867-1941  
Detroit Institute of Arts  
Levy, John, 1873?-1957  
Levy, John, 1873?-1957 -- Photographs  
Pach Brothers  
Thomson Galleries (Detroit, Mich.)  
Wells, Norman F.  
Wells, Norman F. -- Photographs

Occupations:

Art dealers -- Michigan -- Detroit  
Gallery owners -- Michigan -- Detroit

Places:

Mount Rushmore National Memorial S.D. -- Photographs