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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Mark Tobey papers
Identifier:	AAA.tobemark2
Date:	[ca. 1920]-1977
Creator:	Tobey, Mark
Extent:	11 Microfilm reels
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1984 by the Seattle Art Museum.

Location of Originals

Originals in: Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 3200-3210 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.

Biographical / Historical

Painter; Abstract Expressionist. Also worked as fashion illustrator, portrait painter. Born in Wisconsin, December 11, 1892. Died 1976. Worked in Chicago, Seattle, Basel, Switzerland; New York, N.Y., Dartington Hall, Devonshire, England, and Paris. Convert to Baha'i religion.

Scope and Contents

Biographical material; correspondence; financial records; Baha'i material; music; writings; art works; printed material; and photographs.

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Biographical material includes diaries with sporadic entries, undated and 1958-1959; address books; membership cards, and honorary titles. Correspondents include Stephen Andrus, Dore Ashton, Arthur G.

Barnett, John and Betty Bowen, Adelyn Breeskin, Cliffo Carson (niece), Thomas A. Chew, Lillian Clark, Paul Cummings, Arthur Dahl, Shoghi B. Effendi, Dorothy Elmhirst, Claire Falkenstein, Lyonel Feininger, Janet Flanner, John Ford, Miriam Gabo, Colin Graham, Pehr Hallsten, Pamela Harkins, Nina Harwood, John and Anne Hauberg, Kay Hillman, Joseph Hirshhorn, David Hofman, Carl Holty, Herbert Hoover, Leroy and Silvia loas, Berthe P. and Claire Jacobson, Nina Kandinsky, Helen Kendall, Carolyn Kizer, Katharine Kuh, Rene Lauby, Bernard Leach, Gerald Lieberman, Andre Masson, Marjory Masten, George Mathieu, N. Richard Miller, Joan Miro, Axel Mondell, Alfred Neumeyer, Ben Nicholson, Vincent Price, Mark Ritter, Diego Rivera, Nancy W. Ross, John Russell, Henry Seldis, Charles Seliger, Otto Seligman, Art Smith, James Speyer, Michel Tapie, Miriam Terry, Roland Terry, Juliet Thompson, Kenneth Tyler, Charmion Von Wiegand, Heloise Wardall, Ulfert Wilke, and Marian Willard of the Willard Gallery.

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Also found are: notes taken while studying French; financial, legal and medical records; material relating to Baha'i, including credential for Tobey for the Baha'i World Congress, 1963, class notes, photographs, prayer books, and printed material; music, including sheet music by Tobey, recital program, and music by Harold Budd, John Sundsten, and Debussy; writings and poetry by Tobey and Dahl; writings on Tobey; a transcript of an interview of Tobey conducted by William Seitz; sketches and sketchbooks by Tobey and by others, including Bernard Leach; printed material on Tobey, including reproductions of work, exhibition catalogs and announcements, magazine articles, and clippings; and printed material on others, including Hallsten, Leach, Seliger, Feininger, Abraham Walkowitz, Alberto Burri, and Jules Pascin.

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Also included are photographs of: Tobey, Tobey with family and friends, exhibition installations, works of art, an album containing photos, sketches and notes, ca. 1920-1950, an album of photos of Tobey's Seattle studio taken after his death by Kenneth Tomlinson, 1976, and miscellaneous photographs.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Bahai Faith
Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- History

Names:

Ashton, Dore
Dahl, Arthur L., 1942-
Elmhirst, Dorothy Payne Whitney Straight
Feininger, Lyonel, 1871-1956
Hallsten, Pehr, d. 1965
Hauberg, Anne Gould
Hauberg, John H. (John Henry), 1916-
Hillman, Kay
Holty, Carl, 1900-1973
Leach, Bernard, 1887-1979
Ritter, Mark
Rivera, Diego, 1886-1957

Seliger, Charles, 1926-2009
Willard Gallery
Willard, Marian, 1904-

Occupations:

Painters -- Washington (State) -- Seattle