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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Ruth Wall letters and printed material
Date:	1953-1978
Identifier:	AAA.wallruth
Creator:	Wall, Ruth
Extent:	0.2 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated anonymously, 1988.

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

Wall was a friend of many Bay Area artists.

Scope and Contents

Eight illustrated letters to Wall, including 3 from Roy De Forest and 5 from Sumner G. Miller, undated and 1956-1957; and printed material mainly relating to San Francisco artists. In one letter, De Forest writes to Wall in Paris, and sends news of mutual friends and activities. The other two are large sheets written while De Forest was stationed at Fort Ord, including one "folded like an army blanket," which contain rambling observations. Miller's letters describe his experiences in Paris while studying at the Academie Julian and his travels in Europe. He mentions San Francisco artists Hayward King, Ernest Mundt and others, who were also temporarily abroad. Also included are De Forest exhibition announcements; and exhibition catalogs, mainly for various San Francisco artists.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

De Forest, Roy, 1930-2007
Miller, Sumner G., 1928-

Occupations:

Artists -- California -- San Francisco Bay Area