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A Finding Aid to the Alexandra S. Watkins papers relating to Miye Matsukata, 1973-1980, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Alexandra S. Watkins papers relating to Miye Matsukata
Date:	1973-1980
Identifier:	AAA.watkalex
Creator:	Watkins, Alexandra Solowij, 1933-
Extent:	0.01 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The scattered papers of Alexadra Solowij Watkins regarding Miye Matsukata date from 1973 to 1980. Found are slides of works by Matsukata and printed material.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1985 by Alexandra Solowij Watkins.

Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2023 with support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Amanda Solowij Watkins (1933-) is a jeweler and goldsmith in Boston, Massachusetts, who headed jeweler Miye Matsukata's workshop for many years and photographed pieces as they were returned from cleaning or repair.

Miye Matsukata (1922-1981) was a Japanese American jeweler and metal-worker based in Boston, Massachusetts. She designed and made jewelry at her firm Janiye in Boston from 1950 to her death.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Asian American artists
- Asian American jewelers
- Asian American metal-workers
- Japanese American artists
- Jewelry making
- Metal-work
- Women artists

Names:

- Matsukata, Miye, 1922-1981

Occupations:

- Goldsmiths -- Massachusetts -- Boston
- Jewelers -- Massachusetts -- Boston

Container Listing

Series 1: Miya Matsukata Slides and Printed Material, 1973-1980

1 Folder (Folder 1)

Scope and Contents: Series consists of forty slides (1973-1979) taken by Watkins of jewelry and a bathroom frieze designed by Miye Matsukata. Printed materials include two press releases and three photocopies of clippings concerning Matsukata and her work, including an obituary.

Folder 1 Slides and Printed Material, 1973-1980

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