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James Watrous papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	James Watrous papers
<b>Date:</b>	[ca. 1933-1966]
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.watrjame
<b>Creator:</b>	Watrous, James, 1908-
<b>Extent:</b>	1.4 Linear feet ((on 2 microfilm reels))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1966 by James Watrous.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 839-840 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Painter, mural painter, art historian; Madison, Wisc. Full name is James Scales Watrous.

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## Scope and Contents

Research and teaching files relating to murals, painted ca. 1933-1966, many for the Public Works of Art Project and Department of the Treasury, and muralists, consisting mainly of two-card indexes listing murals by city and by artist; miscellaneous files on more than 50 artists, many of whom are muralists; a seminar paper by Watrous, "Nineteenth Century Criticism of Degas"; and photographs of murals by Victor Arnautoff, Frank Bergman, John Ballator, Jose Moya Del Pino, and Paul Sample.

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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:

Mural painting and decoration -- United States

Names:

Arnautoff, Victor Mikhail, 1896-1979

Ballator, John R., 1909-

Bergman, Frank

Moya del Pino, Jose, 1891-1969

Public Works of Art Project

Sample, Paul, 1896-1974

United States. Department of the Treasury

Occupations:

Art historians -- Wisconsin -- Madison

Muralists

Painters -- Wisconsin -- Madison