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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Paul and Mary Wescher papers
Date:	1920-1976 (bulk 1949-1976)
Identifier:	AAA.wescpaul
Creator:	Wescher, Paul, 1894- (Creator) Wescher, Mary (Creator)
Extent:	2 Linear Feet
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1977 by Mary Wescher.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 2157-2158 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.

Biographical / Historical

Paul Wescher (1896-1974) was an art historian and administrator in Santa Monica, Calif. He and his wife Mary collected pre-Columbian art and 20th century painting. Mary's first husband was Herbert Stothart, who won an Academy Award for the musical score for "The Wizard of Oz."

Scope and Contents

Biographical data; family and personal correspondence, with letters from Julie and Man Ray, William Valentiner, Wolfgang Paalen, Dorothy Miller, and others; published and unpublished writings on art and poetry; printed material; photographs of the Weschers (two by Dina Woelffer), Benny Goodman, Man Ray, Valentiner, and others, including a photograph of Julie Ray by Man Ray, and a photo of Constance Stothart by Man Ray, 1950; sketches; collages; and miscellany [ca. 700 study photographs, negatives and reproductions of works of art, and 19 negatives of the Weschers have not been microfilmed].

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

Names:

Goodman, Benny (Benjamin David), 1909-1986

Paalen, Wolfgang, 1907-

Ray, Man, 1890-1976

Stockent, Constance

Valentiner, Wilhelm Reinhold, 1880-1958

Woelffer, Dina, 1907-

Occupations:

Art historians -- California -- Santa Monica