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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	William Edward West papers
<b>Date:</b>	[ca. 1818-1961]
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.westwill
<b>Creator:</b>	West, William Edward, 1788-1857
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Linear foot ((on partial microfilm reel))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1983 by Gertrude M. Meissner, a descendent of West.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 3094 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

Portrait and figure painter; London, England and New York, N.Y.

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## Scope and Contents

Letters, writings, business records, and printed materials.

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Genealogical and biographical data; correspondence (and transcripts) with Colonel Thomas Aspinwall, members of the Astor family, Elizabeth Caton, Felicia Hemans, Washington Irving, Aaron Vail, Mary Caton Patterson Wellesley, West's sister Jane Woods, and others; letters to West's niece Aduella Price Bryant and to Laura Simpson, requesting biographical and genealogical information on West, and research notes by Bryant on West's correspondents; West's account of his visit with Lord Byron in 1822; and a yearbook belonging to Felicia Hemans.

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Lists compiled in 1929 and 1961 of West's paintings and portraits; excerpts from William L. Stone's book HISTORY OF NEW YORK CITY and biographies of West's contemporaries in England; clippings on West's portraits, his genealogy, and the history of Nashville, Tenn.; and miscellany.

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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:

Portrait painting -- 19th century -- England

Names:

Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824

Hemans, Felicia Dorothea Browne, 1793-1835

Irving, Washington, 1783-1859

Occupations:

Portrait painters -- England

Portrait painters -- New York (State) -- New York