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Catharine Willson photographs and clippings

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Catharine Willson photographs and clippings
Date:	1895-1964
Identifier:	AAA.willcath
Creator:	Willson, Catharine
Extent:	48 Items ((on a partial microfilm reel))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The Archives of American art retained copy prints of some of the photographs lent by Catharine Willson.

Location of Originals

Reel 3990 (frames 1-210): Originals returned to the lender, Catharine Willson, after microfilming.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 3990 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.

Scope and Contents

A scrapbook, clippings (1911-1964), a photograph album, and photographs (1895-1918) illustrate life at the Eagle's Nest art colony.

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Twenty-seven photographs and a photograph album document family events and Willson's summers with her uncle, painter Ralph Clarkson, at Eagle's Nest art colony in Oregon, Illinois (1895-1963). Subjects include costume pageants, artists' cabins, Rock River scenes, Taft's statue "Black Hawk", Willson with Clarkson, and artists Charles Francis Browne, J. Spencer Dickerson, Horace Spencer Fiske, Oliver Dennett Grover, and Loreda Taft. The album also contains 10 Christmas cards (1943-1963) and 12 clippings, including an obituary for Wallace Heckman (1927) and 4 articles about Mrs. Vernon Thomas (1928). A second scrapbook contains 49 picture postcards, primarily of Colorado scenes, and a clipping about Eagle's Nest (1911).

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

Scrapbooks

Names:

Browne, Charles Francis, 1859-1920
Clarkson, Ralph, 1861-1942
Dickerson, J. Spencer
Eagle's Nest Art Colony
Fiske, Horace Spencer, 1859-1940
Grover, Oliver Dennett, 1861-1927
Heckman, Wallace, 1851-1927
Taft, Lorado, 1860-1936
Thomas, Vernon, Mrs., b. 1894

Occupations:

Painters -- Middle West

Functions:

Artist colonies -- Illinois