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Sergius N. Ferris Luboshez Collection

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives |
| Title: | Sergius N. Ferris Luboshez Collection |
| Identifier: | FSA.A1992.01 |
| Date: | 1945-1972 (bulk 1945-1949) |
| Creator: | Luboshez, Ferris (Collector) |
| Extent: | 664 Items (photographs and negatives; black and white and color) 1 Item (newspaper clipping) 1 Item (museum catalog) |
| Language: | English . |
| Digital Content: | Image(s): Sergius N. Ferris Luboshez Collection |

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Luboshez's wife, Berniece Ferris Luboshez, 1992.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Captain Sergius N. Ferris Luboshez (1896-1984), scientific researcher and educator, lawyer, and collector of Chinese art. Born of American parents in England, Luboshez studies philosophy and aesthetics at the British Institute of Philosophical Studies. He later taught physics at the University of London, experimenting in the sonar detection of submarines, and developing a number of inventions relating to radiation shielding and light control. He studies law in England, serving as a barrister-at-law, and later as a member of the New York Bar and that of the District of Columbia. With the outbreak of World War II, Luboshez entered the United States Navy. After the war, he became general counsel to the Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner of the U.S. Department of State for an area that included China and Japan. He was subsequently appointed central field commissioner with headquarters in Shanghai.

Scope and Contents

Photographs and a newspaper clipping, ca 1945-1972, documenting the Chinese art collection of Captain and Mrs. Sergius N. Ferris Luboshez, formed substantially during the 1945-1949, while Luboshez served in the Department of State. Documented are works dating from the Neolithic (ca. 5000-ca. 1500 B.C.) to the Ch'ing dynasty (1644-1912); and a catalog of artworks from his collection exhibited at the University of Maryland Art Gallery in 1972. Also included are photographs taken by Captain Luboshez of place views and people in China. Formats include color snapshots, black-and-white prints, safety and nitrate film negatives, and 35mm color slides.

Arrangement

1 box : Arranged by form of material.

Arrangement

1 oversized folder : Organized by size.

Local Numbers

FSA A1992.01

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
Art, Chinese

Types of Materials:

Negatives
Photographs

Places:

China -- Description and Travel
USA -- District of Columbia -- Washington