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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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### Use Restriction

Restricted for 15 years, until Jan-01-2020; Transferring office; 3/2/1988 memorandum, Massa to Fleckner; Contact reference staff for details.

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records which document the administration of the Archives of American Art (AAA) during the tenures of Edgar Preston Richardson, 1954-1964; William E. Woolfenden, 1964-1983; Richard N. Murray, 1983-1988; John A. Fleckner (Acting Director), 1987-1988; Susan A. Hamilton (Acting Director), 1988-1990; and Richard J. Wattenmaker, 1990-2005. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, and notes pertaining to oral history grants, tours, special projects, membership, AAA restructuring, collection policy, exhibitions, fundraising, publicity, travel, symposiums, donations, loans, advisory committee meetings, publications, storage issues, and the closing of regional offices. The records also include reports, agreements, meeting minutes, copyright information, articles, statistics, and budget summaries.

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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:

Art museums

Art, American  
Intellectual property  
Museum archives

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs  
Brochures  
Clippings  
Illustrations  
Manuscripts

Names:

Fleckner, John A., 1941-  
Hamilton, Susan A.  
Murray, Richard N., 1942-2006  
Richardson, Edgar Preston, 1902-1985  
Wattenmaker, Richard J.  
Woolfenden, William E. (William Edward), 1918-1995

## Container Listing

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