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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Joseph H. Hirshhorn Papers
Identifier:	Accession 17-126
Date:	1921-1981, 1996
Extent:	1.88 cu. ft. (1 record storage box) (1 16x20 box) (0.19 non- standard size boxes)
Creator::	Hirshhorn, Joseph H.
Language:	Language of Materials: English

Administrative Information

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Access Restriction

Box 1 contains restricted materials; see finding aid.

Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of papers of Joseph H. Hirshhorn. Joseph Hirshhorn was born in Latvia in 1899 and immigrated to the United States in 1905 with his mother and siblings. At twelve, Mr. Hirshhorn left school to sell newspapers and by fourteen he was working in the firm that would later become the American Stock Exchange. At seventeen, Mr. Hirshhorn established himself as a broker, and later invested in Canadian mining in the 1930s. This led to his eventual ownership of multiple uranium mines. Along with working as a businessman, Mr. Hirshhorn was an avid art collector and donated large sums of money to support the arts. In 1966 it was announced that he would donate his art collection to the United States, which would be housed in what would become the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden (HMSG).

This collection is comprised of Hirshhorn family photographs, correspondence, Mr. Hirshhorn's immigration documents, some news articles pertaining to Mr. Hirshhorn's uranium business, photographs of Mr. Hirshhorn with various artists, documents regarding the HMSG, photographs from Mr. Hirshhorn's funeral, awards from the mining industry, and related materials. The items in this collection were donated by Mrs. Olga Hirshhorn, Mr. Hirshhorn's fourth and final wife, as well as his children Gene LePere, Naomi Hirshhorn Caryl (also known as Naomi Caryl Hirshhorn), and Gordon Hirshhorn.

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 museums
- Art, Modern
- Mineral industries -- Canada

Types of Materials:

- Artifacts
- Black-and-white negatives
- Black-and-white photographs
- Clippings
- Color photographs
- Color transparencies
- Manuscripts
- Pamphlets
- Picture postcards

Names:

- American Stock Exchange
- Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
- Hirshhorn family
- Hirshhorn, Gordon
- Hirshhorn, Joseph H.
- Hirshhorn, Naomi Caryl
- Hirshhorn, Olga
- LePere, Gene, 1926-

Container Listing

Box 1

- Box 1 of 3 Gene Hirshhorn LePere Birth Certificate, October 1926 (LePere gift)
[RESTRICTED]
- Box 1 of 3 Photograph - Joseph H. Hirshhorn and Gene, Long Island, May or June 1927
(LePere gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Promissory Note Julius Riliun(?) to Joseph H. Hirshhorn, 1935
- Box 1 of 3 New Year's Card to Joseph H. Hirshhorn from Isaac Friedlander, 1937
- Box 1 of 3 Preston East Dome Mines Painting Reproduction, 1937
- Box 1 of 3 Satirical Writings, 1936-1939
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Federation Building Fund Certificate, 1945
- Box 1 of 3 Negative - Interior 165 Broadway, Mr. Hirshhorn's Desk in His Office, 1956
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn News Article, 1958
- Box 1 of 3 Photograph - Gold Ore from the Porcupine Camp, 1959
- Box 1 of 3 Slides - Joseph H. Hirshhorn in Greenwich, 1963
- Box 1 of 3 Zogbaum's Studio Slides, September 1964
- Box 1 of 3 Slides - Greenn in Gardens, 1964 (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Slides - Hartung in Greenwich Gardens, November 1964
- Box 1 of 3 Slides - Round Hill Greenwich, November 1964
- Box 1 of 3 Photograph - Joseph H. Hirshhorn and Eugene Berman, Italy, 1964
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs - Joseph H. Hirshhorn at de Kooning Studio, 1965
- Box 1 of 3 Slides - Joseph H. Hirshhorn at Barbara Hepworth Studio Saint Ives,
England, June 1965
- Box 1 of 3 Slides - Joseph H. Hirshhorn House and Gardens Greenwich, August 1965
- Box 1 of 3 Slide - Joseph H. Hirshhorn in Nivola's House and Studio, August 1965
- Box 1 of 3 Photograph - Joseph H. Hirshhorn and Willem de Kooning in the Artist's
Studio, Long Island, 1965 (Photo by John McMahon)
- Box 1 of 3 Slides - Joseph H. Hirshhorn in Gottlieb's Studio, Long Island, August 1965

- Box 1 of 3 Slides - Steichan Birthday Party at his Connecticut Home, 1965
- Box 1 of 3 Agreement between Joseph H. Hirshhorn, The Joseph H. Hirshhorn Foundation, Inc., and the Smithsonian Institution, May 17, 1966 (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Congressional Records, May 1966 (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Congressional Documents, 1966 (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Various Correspondence to Joseph H. Hirshhorn, 1966
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn News Articles, 1967
- Box 1 of 3 Photocopies of Correspondence - Joseph H. Hirshhorn to Gene LePere, 1942-1967
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Correspondence, August-October 1968
- Box 1 of 3 Correspondence - Joseph H. Hirshhorn and Man Ray, 1967, 1968
- Box 1 of 3 Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden Annual Reports, 1968 and 1969 (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Photograph with Description - Joseph H. Hirshhorn and Edward Steichen, 1969
- Box 1 of 3 "Our Daddy Joe" Poem by Gene LePere in Honor of his 70th Birthday, August 11, 1969
- Box 1 of 3 Photograph - Joseph H. Hirshhorn and Picasso, 1969 (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Slide - Cesar, Madura Gallery Opening, 1969 (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn House and Sculpture Garden Photographs and Negatives, 1969
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs Taken by Olga Hirshhorn at Notre Dame de Vie Mougins, 1969
- Box 1 of 3 Contact Sheet, Negatives - Al Lerner and First Trustee Meeting, December 1971 (Photographs by Bill Soghor)
- Box 1 of 3 HMSG Gift List, 1966-1972 (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Negative - Kenneth Clark with Joseph H. Hirshhorn in Greenwich, Connecticut, 1972
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs - Round Hill Garden Spring, 1972
- Box 1 of 3 HMSG Press Release, October 4, 1974 (Olga Hirshhorn gift)

- Box 1 of 3 Photograph - Joseph H. Hirshhorn at Chaim Gross Opening at the National Collection of Fine Arts, 1974
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs - Joseph H. Hirshhorn and Henry Moore, 1974
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn to Smithsonian Institution - Deed of Gift, April 17, 1974 (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs of Joseph H. Hirshhorn with Man Ray (1969) and Kadishman (1974)
- Box 1 of 3 Hirshhorn Family Photographs, 1922-1975
- Box 1 of 3 Correspondence and Invoices, 1973-1975 (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs - Joseph H. Hirshhorn at Vauvenargues, France, 1975
- Box 1 of 3 Gene LePere - Horatio Alger Awards Luncheon Table Assignment, 1976
- Box 1 of 3 Horatio Alger Awards Ceremony Invitation, 1976 (LePere gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Horatio Alger Awards Booklet, 1976
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Correspondence with Gene LePere, 1943-1977 (LePere gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Assorted Images, 1977
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs - Joseph H. Hirshhorn with Rauschenberg in Captiva Island, Florida, in Bob's Studio, 1977
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs - Joseph H. Hirshhorn and Various Artists, 1963-1977
- Box 1 of 3 Aevry Moore's Grandchild with Joseph H. Hirshhorn in District of Columbia House, 1978
- Box 1 of 3 Gene LePere Correspondence, 1926-1980
- Box 1 of 3 Christmas Cards, 1965-1980 (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs - Joseph H. Hirshhorn and Ambassador Evron (Israel) and Wife, 1980
- Box 1 of 3 Intaglio Plate for Joseph H. Hirshhorn's Death, 1981
- Box 1 of 3 Correspondence to Gene Hirshhorn LePere after Joseph H. Hirshhorn's Death, 1981
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Memorial Service Announcement, 1981
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Memorial Condolence Card

- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Funeral Photographs, 1981
- Box 1 of 3 Card to Olga Hirshhorn with Joseph H. Hirshhorn Doodle
- Box 1 of 3 Round Hill Real Estate Pamphlet
- Box 1 of 3 Correspondence - Lyndon B. Johnson and Joseph H. Hirshhorn (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs - Greenwich Garden in the Snow (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs - Joseph H. Hirshhorn and Kenneth Noland at Kenneth Snelson Exhibit Opening at HMSG
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn's Address Book (Gene LePere gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Photocopies of Miscellaneous Photographs (many of Lily Harmon)
- Box 1 of 3 Photocopies of Photographs with Identifications (LePere gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn 80th Birthday Invitation
- Box 1 of 3 Cards from Olga and Joseph H. Hirshhorn to Gene LePere (LePere gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Portraits - Joseph H. Hirshhorn, Jennie Berman, and Family
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs of Cap d'Antibes, France (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Hirshhorn Family Photographs (2201 Bancroft Place, Washington, DC), (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Portrait of a Tropical Beach Residence - 21 Gulf Shore Boulevard, Florida (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Hirshhorn Family House Photographs, La Quinta, California (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Photograph - Rodin Sculpture in Rudier Foundry with Giacometti, Gift of Pierre Matisse
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Photographs (Olga Hirshhorn gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs from Florida List
- Box 1 of 3 Slides - Round Hill Gardens
- Box 1 of 3 Correspondence to Joseph H. Hirshhorn, Copies of Book Covers, Autographed Pages
- Box 1 of 3 Olga Hirshhorn Gift of Photographs
- Box 1 of 3 Photographs, Autographed Book Pages

- Box 1 of 3 Correspondence to Joseph and Olga Hirshhorn
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Certificate of Shares of the Rio Tinto Mining Company of Canada Limited
- Box 1 of 3 An Authentic American Artist Article, Transparency Copy
- Box 1 of 3 An Authentic American Artist Article and Negative
- Box 1 of 3 Painters and Poets, Gift for Olga Hirshhorn
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Petition for Naturalization, Certificate of Arrival, Declaration of Intention, 1921-1925 (LePere gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Cadillac Statement of Purchase, April 1930
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Correspondence, 1934
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Family Photographs Photocopies, 1921(?) - 1940(?) (Naomi Caryl gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Technical Mine Consultants Certificate, 1942
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Correspondence to Rose Berman, 1960-1961
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Family Photographs, 1922-1966
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Family Photographs - Negatives, 1922-1966
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Genealogy Records, Family Photographs, and Correspondence, 1927-1970 (LePere gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Joseph H. Hirshhorn Family Photographs (some photocopies), 1937(?) - 1978 (Naomi Caryl gift)
- Box 1 of 3 Letters to Gene LePere from Joseph and Olga Hirshhorn, 1967
- Box 1 of 3 Writings Edited by Joseph H. Hirshhorn

Box 2

- Box 2 of 3 Photograph - Preston East Dome Mines Limited, South Porcupine, Canada, Souvenir of the Official Opening of the Mill, April 29, 1939 (with identification of mill parts)
- Box 2 of 3 Photograph - Hirshhorn Family with Lyndon B. and Lady Bird Johnson
- Box 2 of 3 Photograph - Joseph H. Hirshhorn, Olga Hirshhorn, and the Hirshhorn Fellows
- Box 2 of 3 Photocopy of Uranium News Article - The Financial Post, August 1, 1953

