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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records documenting curatorial activities in the Division of Social History and, prior to 1994, in the Division of Ceramics and Glass at the National Museum of American History (NMAH), and when the museum was known as the National Museum of History and Technology and the Museum of History and Technology, respectively. The records mostly pertain to the Hans Syz Collection of Meissen porcelain and the transfer of objects in that collection to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, and to Sotheby's for auction; as well as the potential transfer of objects to the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Emily B. Syz loan of objects to NMAH. Also documented, but unrelated to the Hans Syz Collection, are the activities of porcelain collector Ralph Henry Wark. Staff represented in these records include curators Paul Vickers Gardner, Susan H. Myers, and J. Jefferson Miller; and collections manager Sheila M. Alexander.

Materials include correspondence, memoranda, and notes; agreements; loan information; object lists; photographs; and newspaper clippings.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
Ceramics
Glass

Museum curators
Museum loans
Museums -- Collection management

Types of Materials:

Clippings
Color photographs
Manuscripts

Names:

Alexander, Sheila M.
Art Institute of Chicago
Gardner, Paul Vickers, 1908-1994
George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art
Hans Syz Collection
Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, N.Y.)
Miller, J. Jefferson
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.)
Myers, Susan H.
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Ceramics and Glass
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.)
Sotheby's (Firm)
Syz, Emily B.
Syz, Hans C.
Wark, Ralph Henry

Container Listing

Box 1

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| Box 1 of 1 | Hans Syz Collection: Trust Loan, 1993-1995 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Hans Syz Collection: Transfer of Loan Items to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1993-1994 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Hans Syz Collection: Transfer of Loan Items to the Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, 1995-1996 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Hans Syz Collection: Transfer of Loan Items to Sotheby's, 1995-1997 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Hans Syz Collection: Potential Transfer of Loan Items to the Art Institute of Chicago and the Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, 1995 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Hans Syz Collection: Emily B. Syz Loan to the National Museum of American History, 1992-1996 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Ralph H. Wark: Correspondence, 1965-1975 |