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LECTURE TO EXPLORE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL ARTIST THOMAS COLE THROUGH HIS PAPER COLLECTIONS

Thomas Cole's Paper Trail exhibition is open through November 25, 2018

ALBANY, NEW YORK— The Albany Institute of History & Art's Chief Curator Doug McCombs will give a special lecture on Sunday, September 16 at 2PM that will focus on the museum's remarkable collection of Thomas Cole paper materials. The lecture will draw from the current exhibition *Thomas Cole's Paper Trail*, which is open through November 25, 2018. The lecture is included with museum admission. Space is limited for this lecture and seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees will receive wristbands at the admission desk on the day of the lecture.

Although he was born in England, Thomas Cole is best known as an American landscape artist and the founder of the Hudson River School art movement. The *Thomas Cole's Paper Trail* exhibition is part of an international celebration of the bicentennial year of Cole's arrival in the United States. The Albany Institute has loaned several Thomas Cole works to other organizations in celebration this anniversary. The Institute's own exhibition explores Cole's artistic journey through the paper materials he left behind, from his first tree studies to his sudden and premature death in 1848.

In this special lecture, McCombs will discuss Cole's career through a selection of his drawings, prints, letters, hand-written poems and published works, which are part of the Albany Institute's collections.

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Chestnut, Thomas Cole, c. 1823, pencil on paper, 1958.28.8

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The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York. Free parking is available in the museum's lot at the corner of Elk and Dove Streets.

The Albany Institute is open Wednesday 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am-8pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday noon-5pm. The Museum Shop and Museum Café hours are available on the museum's website. The Research Library is open on Thursdays from 1pm-4:30pm and by appointment.

Current admission rates are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students with ID, \$6 for children aged 6-12, and free for children under 6. Albany Institute members are admitted for free. There is no charge to visit the café or museum shop. The museum offers free admission to the galleries on Thursdays from 5pm-8pm and on the First Fridays of the month from 5pm-8pm. To learn about other discounts and free admission days, please refer to the Visit section of www.albanyinstitute.org

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Founded in 1791, the Albany Institute of History & Art is New York's oldest museum. Its collections document the Hudson valley as crossroads of culture, influencing the art and history of the region, the state, and the nation. With more than 35,000 objects and one million documents in the library, it is an important resource for the region, giving our community a sense of the part the Hudson Valley played in the American story, and our own place in history. Permanent and temporary exhibitions are open year-round and create a sense of place, allowing visitors to meet the people who helped shape this region. Among the museum's best-known and most-loved collections are the 19th century Hudson River School landscape paintings by artists like Thomas Cole and Frederic Church, the 19th century sculpture collections, and, of course, the famous Albany Mummies that came to the museum in 1909 and have been on view ever since. For more information, please visit www.albanyinstitute.org and be sure to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute), Twitter (@AlbanyInstitute), and Instagram ([albanyinstitute](https://www.instagram.com/albanyinstitute)).