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A Guide to the Maybelle Mann Research on Walter Launt Palmer

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Maybelle Mann Research on Walter Launt Palmer

Call Number: MG 190

Creator: Maybelle Mann

Inclusive Dates: 1970s-1985

Abstract: This collection contains sources Maybelle Mann gathered for her biography of Walter Launt Palmer (WLP); it includes extensive correspondence with owners of Palmer paintings, as well as research notes and drafts of her book, *Walter Launt Palmer: Poetic Reality*.

Quantity: 5 boxes total: 2 file boxes, 1 standard document box, 2 card boxes

Administrative Information

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Persons

Mann, Maybelle Palmer, Walter Launt

Organizations

Albany Institute of History & Art

Subjects

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Places

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Document Types

Letters Photographs Photocopies

Drafts

Titles

Walter Launt Palmer: Poetic Reality, by Maybelle Mann, Schiffer Publishing Ltd., 1984

Biography/History of

Maybelle Mann (1915-2007) wrote the only book-length biography of Walter Launt Palmer (WLP) (1854-1932), the Albany-born landscape painter: Walter Launt Palmer: Poetic Reality (Schiffer Pub., 1984). She also curated an exhibition, held 1984-85 at the Albany Institute of History and Art, of WLP's work. The materials in this collection include Mann's research notes, photocopies of sources, photographs of WLP's paintings, chapter drafts, and related materials. Included also is extensive correspondence that Mann conducted with scattered owners of WLP's paintings.

Scope and Contents of the Records/Papers/Collection

Research notes, photocopies, photographs of paintings that Mann collected in the process of preparing for and writing her WLP biography.

Organization of the Records/Papers/Collection

Mann's biographical source materials are arranged topically or chronologically, as appropriate; her correspondence alphabetically by letter recipients.

Related Material

Walter Launt Palmer Collection, BV448.

Detailed Description of the Records/Papers/Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

1. CORRESPONCE WITH OWNERS OF WLP PAINTINGS AND RELATED SOURCES; PHOTOCOPES OF WLP DIARIES, 1874-1884

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- 8. Biggs, C. Sewell
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- 12. Bryn Mawr College
- 13. Caldwell, Joseph
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- 15. Coen, Rena N.
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- 17. Covington, Mr. & Mrs. James
- 18. DeVille Gallery
- 19. Dimmock, David
- 20. Davies, Thomas
- 21. Dudley, Elizabeth Corning
- 22. Dugue, John
- 23. Egan, John D., Jr.
- 24. Eidman, Seymour H
- 25. Evans, William B.
- 26. Feeney, Anthony J., Jr.
- 27. Feigenbaum. Rita
- 28. Flagg, Lourie Sage
- 29. Fort Orange Club
- 30. Freeman Fine Arts of Philadelphia
- 31. Greiner, Walter P. G.
- 32. Grand Central Gallieries
- 33. Hancock, Flora
- 34. Hanover Square Gallery
- 35. Harlow, Arthur Brooks

- 36. Hayden, Catherine
- 37. Herrick, Kay (Mrs. D-Cady 2d)
- 38. Historic Cherry Hill
- 39. Horn, Robert A.
- 40. Jackson, Palmer
- 41. Jacobs, Phyllis
- 42. Jaffray, Benjamin
- 43. Jaffray, Mrs. C. Palmer
- 44. Jaffray, Clive P., Jr.
- 45. Jaffray, James F.
- 46. Jeffrey Allen Gallery
- 47. Johnston, Gerald B.
- 48. Jordan Volpe Gallery
- 49. Kennedy Galleries
- 50. Kelley, Frederick W., Jr.
- 51. Kolodny Gallery
- 52. Lansing, Alice
- 53. LaSalle, Mark
- 54. Leslie, Mary J.
- 55. Lesson, Earl E., Jr.
- 56. Lunde, Anders S.
- 57. Marles, Marybet
- 58. McClean Gallery
- 59. McClusky, Carolyn
- 60. McMath, Scott R. (F. K. Huber)
- 61. Mann, Maybelle
- 62. Mayo, Robert
- 63. Meinecke, Mrs. Robert
- 64. Metropolitan Museum of Art
- 65. Metzger, Mrs. Donald R.
- 66. Mitchell, Sherwin
- 67. Springfield Museum of Fine Arts
- 68. Minneapolis Institute of Art
- 69. Nagle, Mary Pratt
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- 74. Norton Simon Museum
- 75. Pardee, Mrs. Hoyt
- 76. Pelletier, Polly
- 77. Phillips Auction Galleries
- 78. Piasio, Al
- 79. Pollack, Deborah Courtney
- 80. Prat, Harriett Jaffray
- 81. Quebec, University

- 82. Radl, Maureen & Fred
- 83. Reeve, Richard
- 84. Rice, Norman
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- 86. Rubin, Walter
- 87. Scherer, Martin
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- 91. Topeka Public Library
- 92. Vatell, James & Susan
- 93. Vogt, Peter A.
- 94. Vose Gallerie
- 95. Waldorph, Leona H.
- 96. Westcott, Helen
- 97. West, Walter
- 98. Westervelt, Robert M.
- 99. Wichita Art Museum
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