

Finding Aid for the Artists' Correspondence Collection, 1596-1925

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Repository**  
 The Frick Collection/Frick Art Reference Library Archives  
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**Title**  
 Artists' Correspondence Collection

**ID**  
 MS.22

**Date [bulk]**  
 Bulk, 1851-1917

**Date [inclusive]**  
 1596-1925

**Extent**  
 0.25 Linear feet (1 box)

**Preferred Citation**  
 Artists' Correspondence Collection. The Frick Collection/Frick Art Reference Library Archives.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

A collection of approximately 25 letters from various artists received by the Frick Art Reference Library as gifts. The letters were received from different donors over the course of 70 years, and were gathered into a single collection of artists' letters. The artists are mainly nineteenth and early twentieth century. Subjects discussed in the letters are both personal and professional, including some references to the artists' works. The content of the letter is noted when possible; some letters are in French or Italian. The collection also contains a bookplate, short autobiography, and remembrance.

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ARRANGEMENT

Arranged alphabetically.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Access Restrictions**  
 These records are open for research under the conditions of The Frick Collection/Frick Art Reference Library Archives access policy. Contact the Archives Department for further information at archives@frick.org.

**Provenance**  
 Correspondence received through various gifts to the library; each letter notes the provenance.

**Processing Information**  
 Arranged and described by Shannon Yule, 2010.

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RELATED MATERIALS

- Related Materials**
- Other collections that contain artists' correspondence:
  - Frick Art Reference Library Central Correspondence - Artists, 1921-1972
  - Henry Clay Frick Art Collection Files, 1881-1920
  - Helen Clay Frick Artwork Files
  - Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century British Artists Collection

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CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

- Subject(s)**
- Artists--Correspondence.

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COLLECTION INVENTORY

**Barocci, Federigo, 1528-1612**

Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952.

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<b>Beaux, Cecilia, 1855-1942</b>	<b>undated</b>
Written to Dr. Rice re: self-portrait in Uffizi. Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952.	

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<b>Borgord, Martin, 1865-1935</b>	<b>1916</b>
Gift of Mrs. Donald Knapp, 1991. Written to Mrs. Hall re: untitled painting sold to Mr. Hall in 1905.	

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<b>Bouguereau, William Adolphe, 1825-1905</b>	<b>1888</b>
Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952. Written to Mr. Knoedler in French.	

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<b>Browne, George Elmer, 1871-1946</b>	<b>1916</b>
Gift of Mrs. Donald Knapp, 1991. Written to Mrs. Francis Clapp Hall re: seascape he painted.	

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<b>Chase, William Merritt, 1849-1916</b>	<b>1905</b>
Gift of Samuel C. Hooker, 1924, 1931, 1935.	

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<b>Church, Frederick S. (Frederick Stuart), 1842-1924</b>	<b>circa 1917</b>
Written to Miss Frick re: request to see her "father's paintings" and bring along his cousin, Clara Fargo, who went to school with Miss Frick. Includes sketch.	

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<b>Fagnani, Joseph, 1819-1873</b>	<b>1864</b>
Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952.	

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<b>Flaxman, John, 1755-1826</b>	<b>undated</b>
Letter of recommendation for unknown gentleman, recipient unknown.	

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<b>Francioli, Innocenzo</b>	<b>1851</b>
Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952	

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**Gérôme, Jean Léon, 1824-1904**

1866

Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952.  
Printed letter of reference for Achille Guede.

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**Jacques, Charles Emile, 1813-1894**

undated

Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952.  
Written to M. Bouquet in French.

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**[Leicester, James?]**

1890

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**Meissonier, Jean Louis Ernest, 1815-1891**

1881

Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952.  
Includes translation.

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**Meyer, J. Y.**

1863

Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952.

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**Millais, John Everett, Sir, 1829-1896**

1858

Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952.  
Written to Mr. Collins re: hunting and family life.

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**Millet, Francis Davis, 1846-1912**

undated

Gift of Mrs. Donald Knapp, 1991.  
Includes newspaper clipping of Millet bio.

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**Munkácsy, Mihály, 1844-1900**

undated

Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952.  
Written to friend in German re: painting and plans, includes auction sale notice for letter.

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**Newman, R.L.**

1919,  
1925

Believed to be part of gift of Mrs. Frederick Fairchild Sherman, 1942.

Written by N. Sanborn to Frederick Fairchild Sherman re: Sanborn's personal recollections of the artist R.L. Newman. Typed transcription included.

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**Puvis de Chavannes, Pierre, 1824-1898**

1894

Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952.  
Telegram to M. Jambon.

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**Quinn, John, 1870-1924**

Bookplate.

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**Ufer, Walter, 1876-1936**

undated  
(after  
1922)

Gift of Milch Galleries.  
13 page autobiographical sketch in Ufer's handwriting, sometime after 1922.

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**Ullman, Eugene Paul, 1877-1953**

1925

Believed to be part of gift of Mrs. Frederick Fairchild Sherman, 1942.  
Written to Frederick Sherman re: painting.

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**[Vernet, Horace, 1789-1863?]**

undated

Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952.

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**Vignon, Victor, 1847-1909**

1890

Gift of Michael M. Engel, 1952.

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**Volk, Douglas, 1856-1935**

1917

Believed to be part of gift of Samuel C. Hooker, 1924, 1931, 1935.  
Form letter addressed to Samuel C. Hooker from the American Artists War Emergency Fund of which Volk was chairman.

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**Wiggins, Carleton, 1848-1932**

1916

Written to Mrs. Frances Clapp Hall re: painting.  
Gift of Mrs. Donald Knapp, 1991.

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