Howes Norris, Jr. Autograph Collection, 1832-1965

A Finding Aid to the Collection in the
Helen Farr Sloan Library & Archives, Delaware Art Museum

Extent
.4 linear feet

Contents
Letters, autographs, sketches, photographs, and clippings of prominent artists, including Alfred East, William Powell Frith, and John Linnell, collected by Howes Norris, Jr.

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Biographical Note

Howes Norris, Jr. (1867?- ) of Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, was an avid collector of autographs from an early age; an article in the St. Petersburg Times (17 April 1946, p. 26) called him the "Granddaddy of all the autograph fiends." Norris even had a specific letterhead, "The Howes Norris, Jr. Autograph Collection," for use in soliciting signatures.

(Source: Finding aid for the Howes Norris, Jr. Cartoon Autograph Collection, Special Collections Research Center, Syracuse University Libraries)

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Description of the Collection

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1 A – C

Baird, Ralph Byron, Kansas City, Missouri, January 1, 1915 – 1 leaf
Baker, Lizzie, Brooklyn, New York, August 10, 1903 – 3 leaves (including envelope)
Belcher, John, January 12, 1909 – 1 leaf
Beymer, William Gilmore, New York, February 5, 1913 – 1 leaf
Breverton, Col., August 5, 1868 – 1 leaf
Bro[un?], Edith, Boston, Massachusetts, February 15, 1913 – 1 leaf
Buckner, R., no date – 1 leaf
Carlins, George, Oxford, December 1, 1910 – 1 leaf
Carter, Owen B., Manchester, January 1853 – 1 leaf
[Illegible—Cope?], August 18, 1832 – 1 leaf
Cox, Edwin, Easter 1939 – 1 leaf
Cross, J.W., May 20, 1946 – 1 leaf
Cross, Sylvia, Woodstock, New York, September 18, 1948 – 1 leaf

2 D – F

D[illegible], Herbert, November 28, 1910 – 1 leaf
Dennison, George, Roma, Italia, February 10, 1925 – 1 leaf
Evans, Bernard, Harrogate, March 21, 1916 – 1 leaf
Eyre, W., October 5, 1910 – 1 leaf

3 G – I

Gaffiled, Mary E., March 20, 1911 – 1 leaf
Greene, Nelson, New York, October 31, 1916 – 1 leaf
Gronland, Th. [Grönland, Theude (German painter, 1817 - 1876)], no date – 1 leaf
Hartman, C.L., June 7, 1947 – 1 leaf
Hellwig, Th., Berlin, [October 5], 1865 – 1 leaf
Heron, H[ilary], Sandyford, Dublin, February 13, 1954 – 1 leaf
Heron, Hilary, Sandyford, Dublin, April 27, 1954 – 1 leaf
Hulbert, Wm., St. James’ Club, Piccadilly, W., September 1, 1984 – 1 leaf

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Knox-Leet, Desmond, Paris, France, July 12, 1949 – 1 leaf
LaFontaine, Rachel A., Watertown, South Dakota, March 4, 1913 – 1 leaf
Laker, Arnold W., Elizabethtown, New York, June 18, 1942 – 1 leaf
Lozowick, Louis (American painter and printmaker, 1892 - 1973) and Sylvia Van Rensselaer, New York, October 9, 1945 – 1 leaf
Lwoff-Poulaghy, Princess Vilma, February 19, 1911 – 2 leaves

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Maison, Rudolf, (German sculptor, 1854 - 1904), April 2, 1898 – 3 leaves
Munro, A. June 2[ ] [unknown year] – 1 leaf
Murphy, Harry, Chicago, April 20, 1915 – 1 leaf
M.D. Mutrie, [Mutrie, Martha Darley (British artist, 1824 - 1885)], March 31, 1875 – 1 leaf
Nikolai, J. P., February 29, 1920 – 1 leaf

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Palin, W.M., London, October 21, 1911 – 1 leaf
Paul, Hermann, April 23, 1917 – 1 leaf
Peacock, Ralph, March 12, 1931 – 1 leaf
Pearse, A. April 12, 1911 – 1 leaf
Perkins, Dwight Heald, Chicago, Illinois, January 1914 – 1 leaf
Price, Lake [Price, William Henry Lake (English photographer and watercolorist, c. 1810 – c. 1896)], December 1851 – 1 leaf
Proctor, Ernest, October 27, 1927 – 1 leaf
Reid, Samuel, February 1, 1911 – 1 leaf
Reinhardt, C. W., Arlington, New Jersey, November 6, 1912 – 1 leaf
Ross, Albert R., New York, March 15, 1909 – 1 leaf
Scanlan, Robert (Irish genre painter, animal painter, and portraitist, ca. 1801 - 1876), Dublin, Ireland, December 20, 1849 – 1 leaf
Scherrres, Carl, July 8, 1884 – 1 leaf
Schwabe, H. August, Newark, New Jersey, March 17, 1913 – 1 leaf
Schwarzburger, Carl, Brooklyn, New York, March 18, 1913 – 1 leaf
Shapleigh, Frank H., June 13, 1905 – 1 leaf
Shaw, Kathleen Tronsdell, June 3, 1913 – 1 leaf
Stephens, Clare Jane, Portland, Oregon, October 22, 1940 – 1 leaf
Swinstead, George Hillyard, [1910] January 30, 1911 – 1 leaf
T[illegible], Walter, Oxford, November 18, 1912 – 1 leaf
Temple, H. C., Cleveland, Ohio, October 19, 1916 – 1 leaf
Trowbridge, Mason, Connecticut, August 12, 1954 – 1 leaf
Turrell, Charles, Riverdale, New York, May 27, 1913 – 1 leaf
Underwood, Annie, England, April 25, 1913 – 1 leaf

Waddington, Virty, London, England, no date – 1 leaf
Wasson, George S., Maine, May 6, 1909 – 1 leaf
Wells, William, December 19, 1911 – 1 leaf
Whaler, Frances, April 27, 1939 – 2 leaves
Wheelwright, Edmund, October 4, 1910 – 1 leaf
Whitley, Kate Mary, April 3, 1912 – 1 leaf
Whymper, Charles, April 20, 1910 – 1 leaf
Wilson, W. O. [New York, January 11, 1917] – 1 leaf
Wronowski, Jerzy, illegible date – 1 leaf
9 Unidentified

[Illegible], February 15, 1926 – 1 leaf
[Illegible] French, Banff, Canada, July 28, 1946 – 1 leaf
[Illegible] French, Banff, Canada, August 21, 1946 – 1 leaf
[Illegible], December 1873 – 1 leaf
[Illegible], October 18, 1901 – 1 leaf
[Illegible], August 29, 18[97] – 1 leaf
[Illegible], no date – 1 leaf
[Illegible], no date – 1 leaf
[Illegible], February 28, unknown year – 1 leaf
[Illegible], Boston, Massachusetts, May 23, 1927 – 1 leaf
[Illegible], Chicago, Illinois, November 18, 1915 – 1 leaf
[Illegible], New York, September 9, 1941 – 1 leaf
[Illegible], illegible date – 1 leaf
[Illegible], Rome, Italy, November 2, 1920 – 4 leaves
V. [Illegible], Brooklyn, New York, October 31, 1957 – 2 leaves (including envelope)

10 Illustrated Items

J. P. B., Pittsfield Journal, no date – 1 leaf
Brown, McAlpin, March __, 1938 – 1 leaf
Dyer, Elisha, September 27, 1865 – 1 leaf
Grier, Louis, no date – 1 leaf
M. [unknown]
O’Rourke, Tex, January 13, 1925 – 1 leaf
S[illegible] Rosen, no date – 1 leaf
Schindler, Elsa, April 4, 1902 – 1 leaf
Spear’s Studio, 1915 – 1 leaf
[Illegible], 1863 – 2 leaves
[Illegible, MD?], no date – 1 leaf
[Illegible], no date – 1 leaf
[Unknown], date illegible – 2 envelopes addressed to Fred A. Emory

11 Alfred East Correspondence

Photograph of Alfred East, black and white, 14.5 x 10.2 cm. Mounted on paper with writing in black ink: [Alfred] East – R-9 // ... Paris

Letter to Dear Rowland from Alfred East, Monday. Return address 2, Spencer Street, Victoria Street, S.W. Handwritten in black ink – 1 leaf

Letter to Dear Rowland from Alfred East, Thursday. Return address 2, Spencer Street, Victoria Street, S.W. Handwritten in black ink – 1 leaf

Letter to My dear W. Rowland. Return address 3401 Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Handwritten in black ink – 1 leaf

Letter written by Alfred East, black ink, 11/11/1908. Letterhead: The Autograph Collection of Norris Norris, Jr. – 1 leaf, mounted on white paper

Letter to Dear Sir from Alfred East, 8/3/93. Return address 4, Grove End Road, St. John’s Wood, N.W. Handwritten in black ink – 1 leaf

Letter to Dear W. Rowland, 29/1/1908. Return address Richland Lane, Pittsburgh, PA. Handwritten in black ink – 1 leaf, mounted on white paper


Newspaper clipping about Alfred East

12 William Powell Frith Correspondence

Correspondence from Frith to various recipients (23 letters)

Sketch (dated 2/47)

Engravings (“W. P. Frith, R.A.” and “The Duel, Shakespeare, Twelfth Night, Act 3 Scene 4”)

Clippings (9 items)

13 John Linnell Correspondence

Letter to Sir, 1827. Handwritten in black ink – 1 leaf

Letter to Dear Sir, August 25, 1860. Return address Red Hill. Handwritten in black ink – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Tooth, Oct. 24, 1871. Return address Red Hill. Handwritten in black ink – 1 leaf
Sketch (dated 1843)

Clipping

14 Clippings