

Lucas Collection Litigation Files

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Summary Information

Repository	Archives and Manuscripts Collections, The Baltimore Museum of Art
Creator	Fisher, Jay McKean, 1949-
Creator	Johnston, Sona
Creator	Lehman, Arnold L.
Creator	Richardson, Brenda
Title	Lucas Collection Litigation Files
Date [inclusive]	1995 - 1997
Extent	12.6 Linear feet (9 boxes, 1 oversize box)
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Lucas Collection Litigation Files are a collection of records assembled by The Baltimore Museum of Art staff during a Baltimore City Circuit Court case filed against the BMA and The Walters Art Gallery by The Maryland Institute, College of Art (MICA) in 1995. The collection includes copies of BMA museum files from many museum departments including Registration, Curatorial, Director's Office, and Development. Records copied date from the turn of the century to the lawsuit settlement. The files include copies of legal depositions, correspondence, collection research (scholarly essays, etc.), collection records (appraisals, exhibition history, loan records, inventories, etc.), and a scrapbook. Files were created by: Director, Arnold Lehman; and Curators, Sona Johnston, Brenda Richardson, and Jay Fisher. The Collection is arranged into one series and consists of 10 boxes.</p>

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Publication Information

Archives and Manuscripts Collections, The Baltimore Museum of Art February 1, 2014

Restrictions on Use

The Lucas Collection Litigation Files are open for research. Please contact a Library staff member to set up an appointment.

Provenance

Transferred from the Prints, Drawings & Photographs and Registration Departments in 2012 and 2013.

Processing Information

Processed by Anna J. Clarkson in 2014 using the *More Product, Less Process* methodology.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Baltimore Museum of Art. European Painting & Sculpture.
- Baltimore Museum of Art. Prints, Drawings and Photographs Department.
- Baltimore Museum of Art

Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Drawings
- Reports
- Transcripts

Personal Name(s)

- Lucas, George A., 1824-1909

Subject(s)

- Art -- Collectors and collecting -- Maryland -- Baltimore
- Art, French--19th century
- Baltimore Museum of Art
- Clippings
- Drawing--Private collections
- Press releases
- Prints--Private collections

Box List

Box 1 Sona Johnston's files Brenda Richardson's files Arnold Lehman's files

Box 2 Jay Fisher's files (contain original correspondence that needs to be photocopied and returned to Registrar)

Box 3 Jay Fisher's files (contain original correspondence that needs to be photocopied and returned to Registrar) Misc. Legal Depositions, Exhibits, and Correspondence

Box 4 - 9 Misc. Legal Depositions, Exhibits, and Correspondence

Box OS 1 BMA Scrapbook relating to The Lucas Collection

Collection Inventory

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