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Clyde Harold
Wortham Papers,
1936-1980; 5 inches

Harold Wortham (1909-1974) was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and graduated from Ball High School in Galveston in 1925. He served in the European and Pacific theaters in the U.S. Army from 1943 until his discharge in 1945. Thereafter, he studied at the Art Students League in New York and in January 1951 began studies at San Fernando Academy in Madrid, Spain, where he studied restoration of paintings.

Wortham accepted a contract with the Spanish government in 1962 to serve as a staff consultant at the Institute of Conservation and Restoration in Madrid. During that year, he was elected, along with Marc Chagall, Thornton Wilder, and Aldous Huxley (among others) a fellow of the International Institute of Arts and Letters. He was honored for outstanding contribution to art in the field of conservation.

His paintings were displayed in one-man exhibits at the Rosenberg Library in 1942 and 1953 and in Madrid, Spain, in 1959 and 1964. His work was also featured in group exhibits in Washington, D.C., in 1936 and 1951 and at the American embassy in Madrid in 1952.

In April 1976, Wortham was posthumously awarded the decoration of the Order of Isabel the Catholic by King Juan Carlos I for his work in restoration of Spanish art.

This collection includes a small amount of papers of William E. Huntington, who knew Harold Wortham. Photographs of Wortham, including his restoration activities, have been transferred to the Name Photograph File. Photographs and negatives of his paintings, and two printer's plates, have been transferred to the Museum.

Box	FF	Subgroups	Dates
1		WILLIAM E. HUNTINGTON PAPERS	
	1	General Correspondence	
		Rosenberg Library (re: Thomas Geale Rice collection and portrait by Clyde Harold Wortham)	1979
		Spain. Ambassador	1975-76
		United States. Ambassador. Spain (re: Clyde Harold Wortham)	1976
		Wortham, R. R. (Mrs.) (re: death of Clyde Harold Wortham)	1974
	, Margaret	[1976]
	2	Subject Series	
		Gifts (of Clyde Harold Wortham) to Friends and Family	nd
	3	Printed Matter	
		Exhibit Catalogs (of others)	1976, 1980
		CLYDE HAROLD WORTHAM PAPERS	
	4-6	Biographical Features	
	7	General Correspondence	
		Galveston Art League (re: exhibition)	1943
		Legal Documents	
	8	Passports & Residency Papers	1937, 1971-73
	9	U.S. Army--Honorable Discharge	1945
		Subject Series	
	10	ABC Death Notices	1974
	11-12	Death	1974
	13	Decoration--Order of Isabel the Catholic	1976
	14	International Institute of Arts & Letters	1962-65
	15	San Fernando Academy, Madrid	1955, 1961
	16-19	Newsclippings	1936, 1951-76, nd
		Printed Matter	
	20	Business Cards	nd
	21	Exhibit Catalog (of others)	1966
	22-25	Exhibit Matter	1952, 1959, 1964, nd
	26	Membership Cards	1971-74
	27	Newsletters	1969-77
	28	Miscellaneous	1974

Box	FF	<u>Subgroups</u>	Dates
1		CLYDE HAROLD WORTHAM PAPERS (cont.)	
	29	Miscellany	

