

William B. Stevens Jr. secretary records

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Summary Information

Repository	The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Dorothy and Kenneth Woodcock Archives
Creator	William B. Stevens, Jr. (1934–)
Title	William B. Stevens, Jr. secretary records
Date [bulk]	
Date [inclusive]	1969-1970
Extent	2 document boxes
Location note	
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Abstract	Small collection of office files generated by William B. Stevens Jr.'s short time as director of PAFA. Files relate to exhibitions, administrative duties, finances, and events.

Preferred Citation note

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Historical note

William B. Stevens, Jr. received his bachelor's degree in Art History with English minor at the University of New Hampshire in 1957 and master's degree with museum training from the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, 1961-1965.

In July 1965, he received a Ford Foundation intern grant and worked at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum on the museum curatorial training program.

Stevens was associate curator of American art, Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design. He soon became the curator of the Wichita Art Museum, Wichita, Kansas. He was named the director of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts effective July 1, 1969.

Shortly after taking the director position, president of the board John Gribbel, notified Stevens that he would be relieved of his duties. Stevens said he was "honored to be fired by the same board of directors that fired famous Philadelphia artist Thomas Eakins." Henry Hotz, director of the academy's school, served as acting director until the board selected a new director.

Scope and Contents note

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Arrangement note

Arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access note

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Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Collection Inventory

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1970	Correspondence: Thomas Eakins photographic works	2	6
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