

# 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.

# **Access Restrictions**

Unrestricted

#### **Processed**

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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)

# **Organization of the Collection**

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# **Description of the Collection**

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       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
              Griggs, S.W. [Griggs, Samuel W. (American painter 1827 - 1898), 1863] - 1 leaf
              Gronland, Th. [Grönland, Theude (German painter, 1817 - 1876)], no date - 1 leaf
              Hartman, C.L., June 7, 1947 – 1 leaf
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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

# 4 J-L

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

# 5 M – O

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

# 6 P - R

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

#### 7 S-U

Scanlan, Robert (Irish genre painter, animal painter, and portraitist, ca. 1801 - 1876), Dublin, Ireland, December 20, 1849 – 1 leaf

Scherres, 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

# 8 V-Z

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

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[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)
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# 10 Illustrated Items

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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
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# 11 Alfred East Correspondence

Photograph of Alfred East, black and white,  $14.5 \times 10.2$  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

Magazine article: East, Alfred, "Pencil-Drawing from Nature. By Alfred East, A.R.A." from *The Studio*, volume 39 (1907)

Clipping: sales catalog entry for original sketch books by Sir Alfred East (unidentified source)

# 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