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Accession # \*88 M 5

Location D3a2

Title Edward Guthrie Kennedy. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1889-1918 Bulk dates: 1889-1902.

Date of receipt 1926

Received from Edward Guthrie <sup>Kennedy</sup> ~~Papers~~

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 4 slipcases

Condition Excellent.

Restrictions None.

Description The art dealer, collector, connoisseur of books and prints, Edward Guthrie Kennedy, was born in Carvagh, Ireland, in 1849 and died in New York in 1932. He began his career as an art dealer in Boston in the late 1860s. A decade later he joined the New York firm of Wunderlich & Company, and met the American artist, James McNeill Whistler. After Wunderlich's death in the 1890s Kennedy became the head of the firm, the name of which he later changed to Kennedy & Company. He retired in 1916. In addition to these papers, which were given to the Library in 1926, Kennedy donated to the Library collections of etchings and engravings and continued his gifts through the 1920s. He also bequeathed to the Library a quarter of the residuary of his estate, the income to be used to purchase prints.

The papers include letters, postcards, and telegrams, 1887-1902, to Kennedy from his friend, James McNeill Whistler (1834-1903) wittily reflecting the artist's working and social life in bohemian London and Paris, and his quarrels and tactical skirmishes with collectors, dealers, and critics, and a couple of illustrative sketches in ink and pencil. There also are some letters <sup>signed by Whistler</sup> to Kennedy written on Whistler's behalf by his wife, Beatrix, and his aunt, Ethel Whibley, a few autograph letters by Whistler, and contemporary copies of other letters by him to persons other than Kennedy. The remainder of the papers consist of letters to Kennedy, 1910-1918, from D.Y. Cameron, Charles Whibley, Robert Jaffray and others.

Slipcase 1 Letters from Whistler to Kennedy, 1889-1895  
" 2 " " " " " 1896-1900  
" 3 " " " " " 1901-1902; 1892. Letters to  
" 4 Typewritten and photostatic copies of some of Whistler's letters  
to Kennedy

Special Formats  Photographs  Maps  Audio Tapes  Films  Graphics  
 Artifacts  Machine-readable records  
 Other (list) ink and pencil sketches

Temporary catalog card added entries Americans-Foreign countries; Art, American;  
Ethel; Cameron, D.Y.: Jaffray, Robert; Whibley, Charles; Whistler, Beatrix; Whistler,  
James McNeill

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