Wayman Adams Christmas greeting artwork and photograph S1245

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Wayman Adams Christmas greeting artwork and photograph
Date	1924-1933, 1935
Extent	0.02 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Graphic materials [Folder]	S1245

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Biographical Note

Wayman Elbridge Adams was an American painter, born on Sept. 23, 1883, on a farm in Muncie, Indiana, to Nelson Perry Adams and Mary Elizabeth (Justice) Adams. Wayman, who received no formal education beyond grade school, was taught to paint animals by his father, an amateur artist. As a young man, Wayman worked as a manager in Louisville, Kentucky, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the age of 21, he moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, and enrolled in the John Herron Art Institute where he studied under William Forsythe. As an art student, Wayman was able to travel to Europe, where he met an art student from Texas, Margaret Boroughs, whom he married in 1918. The couple had a son, Wayman Jr., who often served as a model for his father's artwork. Wayman Adams was commissioned to paint portraits of U.S. Presidents Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover; Indiana Governor and Vice President Thomas Marshall; poet James Whitcomb Riley, and many other prominent figures. Wayman Adams died in his wife's hometown of Austin, Texas, on April 9, 1959.

Sources: Fine Estate Art, http://fineestateart.com/artists/wayman_e_adams; Findagrave.com

Scope and Contents

The collection includes 11 original, signed linoleum cuts made by Wayman Adams. They were sent as Christmas greetings from 1924-1933, and at New Year, 1935. The cards depict Wayman Adams, Jr. ("Snig"). The collection also includes a photograph of Wayman Adams and Frank Atkins, shore captain of the Schooner Ragina in the doorway of Booth Tarkington's boat house on the Kennebunk River, Maine.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Christmas cards

Personal Name(s)

- Adams, Wayman, 1883-1959

Subject(s)

- Artists--Indiana
- Linoleum block-printing, American