

Finding Aid for the John Wilmerding Papers, 1968–1999

Summary Information

Repository	National Gallery of Art Archives Sixth Street and Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20565 archives@nga.gov
Title	John Wilmerding Papers, 1968–1999
Identifier	SC.009
Creator	Wilmerding, John, 1938-
Date	1968–1999
Extent	7 cubic feet (19 boxes)
Abstract	Correspondence, photographs, and printed materials document John Wilmerding's personal and professional activities before, during and after his time at the National Gallery of Art.

Biographical Note

John Wilmerding was the Deputy Director of the National Gallery from 1983 to 1988 where he had served as the Senior Curator of American Art since 1977. Previously he had taught art history at Dartmouth College. After leaving the National Gallery, he became the Christopher Binyon Sarofim Professor of American Art at Princeton University. He was active in the art community, serving on various positions at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Shelburn Museum, Guggenheim Museum, College of the Atlantic, Smithsonian Institution, Harvard University Art Museums, and the Terra Foundation for American Art. In 1989 he was selected by President Ronald W. Reagan as a presidential appointee to the Committee for the Preservation of the White House. In 2005, Wilmerding was elected to the National Gallery Board of Trustees, serving chairman from 2007 until his retirement in 2013 and was named trustee emeritus.

Scope and Content

The papers are comprised primarily of Wilmerding's personal and professional correspondence. Materials include correspondence, photographs, and related documents pertaining to his

published writings and his contributing works; his teaching activities at Dartmouth College and Princeton University; his participation on the Committee for the Preservation of the White House; and his affiliations on various boards, including his role in de-acquisition at the Shelburne Museum.

Arrangement

Papers arranged first by type, beginning with correspondence filed chronologically, followed by files on committee and project activities, materials relating to Wilmerding's publications, and miscellaneous research articles.

Administrative Information

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Middlesex School Bulletin, Summer 1986
