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**MILDRED NIESSE
COLLECTION, CA. 1902–2001**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box, 1 oversize manuscript folder, 1 OVB graphics folder

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1902–2001

PROVENANCE: Mildred F. Niese, Indianapolis, IN; May 2005

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: "Paintings by Mildred Niese: collection of the artist," ND237.N56 N56 1972

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005.0202

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mildred A. Farlow was born on 20 December 1915 to John Dorse Farlow and Isabel Farlow in Milroy, Indiana. She married Noel Tillison on 25 December 1933. They had a daughter together. After her first marriage dissolved, Mildred married Joseph Henry Niesse on 31 May 1941. They had three sons. Joseph died on 26 June 1991 and was buried at St. Joseph Cemetery in Madison, IN. Mildred died from a stroke on 26 September 2008 in Indianapolis, IN. She was also buried at St. Joseph Cemetery in Madison, IN.

Mildred was a member of the Watercolor Society of Indiana, the Indiana Artists Club, the Art Association of New Orleans, the Brown County Art Gallery, The Hoosier Salon, The "20" Artists Group, and the Indiana Federation of Art Clubs. She also served as president of the Indiana Federation of Art Clubs. Mildred won a number of major awards. She was honored at the Hoosier Salon's 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Celebration in 1999. Her work was exhibited at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Mildred worked as an art teacher for gifted children at St. Mary School.

Sources:

Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011, via Ancestry.com

Rushville Republican. "Mildred Farlow Niesse Obituary." Accessed February 28, 2018. <http://obituaries.rushvillerepublican.com/obituary/mildred-niesse-1915-718380001>

U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current, via Ancestry.com

U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014, via Ancestry.com

Web: Marion County, Indiana, Marriage Index, 1925-2012, via Ancestry.com

1920 and 1930 U.S. Federal Censuses, via Ancestry.com

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains materials related to Mildred Niesse and her involvement in art-related groups and events. Materials related to art associations in the collection include annual exhibition programs, membership exhibition programs, and membership directories of the Indiana Artists Club, an annual exhibit program, membership show listing, and yearbook of the Watercolor Society of Indiana, and spring exhibition programs of the Art Association of New Orleans. Other collection materials relate to art events, including an Art Directors Club of Indiana event poster, an entry form for the Valentine Exhibit of the Brown County Art Gallery Association, an Indiana Art and Craft Festival bulletin, and program information for Tribute to the Arts in Indianapolis. Other materials contained in the collection are a description of the life of Maud Margaret Lantry Shea, an awards list for the Fine Arts Professional Division at the Indiana State Fair, and miscellaneous notes and materials. The collection also contains two art prints, one of a house and the other titled "The Wedding Party."

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Description of the life of Maud Margaret Lantry Shea, ca. 1996

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Indiana Art and Craft Festival bulletin, 1966

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Indiana Artists Club annual exhibition programs, 1961–1992

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Indiana State Fair Fine Arts, Professional Division Awards list, 9 August 1975

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Watercolor Society of Indiana annual exhibit program, 1986

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