

# Guide to the Ralph Mayer Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1710

**CREATOR:** Mayer, Ralph, 1895-1979

**TITLE:** Ralph Mayer papers

**DATES:** 1870-1991

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 16.5 linear feet (36 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, writings, research and professional files, and photographs documenting the life and career of Ralph Mayer, particularly his work on paint technology.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Processing Information

Processing staff generally reused folder titles the creator assigned to their files.

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## Separated Materials

Seven disks containing drafts of the Artists Handbook (formerly in Box 31) were determined to duplicate content in the published volume and discarded. Box 31 was decommissioned.

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## Biographical / Historical

Ralph Mayer, artist and authority on paint technology, was born in 1896 in New York. He was educated at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as a chemical engineer and subsequently became a painter. He studied materials used by artists and in 1940 published *The Artist's Handbook of Materials and Techniques*. He taught courses in painting materials and techniques at Columbia, the New School for Social Research, and the Art Students League. Mayer exhibited his work and was a consultant in the conservation of paintings to museums and private collectors. Along with his wife, artist Bena Frank Mayer, he founded the Artists Technical Research Institute in 1959. The Institute provided artists with technical information on materials and methods. After his death, his wife reestablished the institute at Yale University as the Ralph Mayer Learning Center. Mayer and his wife were married in 1927. He died on August 3, 1979.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers consist of correspondence, writings, research and professional files, and photographs documenting the life and career of Ralph Mayer, particularly his work on paint technology.

## Arrangement

The material is arranged in seven groupings: research and professional files; teaching and lecturing files; Artists' Technical Research Institute files; writings; correspondence; personal papers; and photographs.

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	Includes correspondence with Lawrence J. Majewsky and Fred Machetanz.	
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b. 19, f. 23	Mellon	1950
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b. 19, f. 25	Memorabilia a la framer	1964–1979
b. 19, f. 26	Metropolitan Museum of Art letter to Bressler, important	1981
b. 20, f. 1	Mint standard	1965–1977
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b. 20, f. 6	1968-1977	1968-1977
b. 20, f. 7	1978 English	1978
b. 20, f. 8	Clippings, letters	1949
b. 20, f. 9	Conservation	1963
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b. 20, f. 11	Notes on canvas for portraits	1933-1965
b. 20, f. 12	Organizations	1941-1949
b. 20, f. 13-14	Papers  Includes biographical material on Mayer and printed material enclosed within letters to assorted correspondents.	1965-1977
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b. 20, f. 16	Money from Penguin	1978
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b. 20, f. 19	National Endowment for the Arts	1974
b. 20, f. 20	New School and notes on <i>The Painter's Craft</i>	1961
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b. 21, f. 6	Pending, including toxic American Artist articles, toxicity	1976–1981
b. 21, f. 7-8	Personal	1938–1977
b. 21, f. 9	Philosophical Library, Incorporated - Dictionary of the Arts	1941–1942
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b. 21, f. 21	R	1936
b. 21, f. 22	Rowney, T. H.	1964–1974
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b. 22, f. 4-5	Serigraph	1942–1973
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b. 22, f. 7	Simon's rock	1973
b. 22, f. 8	Six letters from Ralph Mayer Includes letters from Ralph Mayer to Bena Frank Mayer and unidentified correspondents. Also includes notes by Ralph Mayer on art history and materials.	Circa 1912-1990
b. 22, f. 9	Slide lecture	1963
b. 22, f. 10	Some interesting side-lights for Marcia Burch - <i>The Painter's Craft</i>	1966–1978

b. 22, f. 11	Squabble over varnish	1951
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b. 22, f. 13	Stoner, Joyce Hill	1984
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	Technical questions	
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b. 23, f. 5	Thomas, Mrs. Seth	1950
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