

# John Baskett papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** S022

**CREATOR:** Baskett, John

**TITLE:** John Baskett papers

**DATES:** 1915-2021

**BULK DATES:** 1962-1999

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 8.6 linear feet (15 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Collection material pertains to correspondence, exhibition catalogs, art-related publications, brochures, and loose-leaf notebooks of art reproductions that document the life and career of John Baskett, art dealer and close friend of Paul Mellon.

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## Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of John Baskett, 2019.

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## Conditions Governing Access

Access to Series I folder 1, Paul Mellon correspondence with Basil Taylor, is restricted. Access to series VII, Paul Mellon's funeral and obituaries, requires permission. Please contact the Yale Center for British Art Archives for more information.

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## Preferred Citation

John Baskett papers. Yale Center for British Art, Archives.

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## Biographical / Historical

John Baskett (b. 1930) is a former art dealer and advisor to Paul Mellon who was instrumental in forming Mellon's collection of British art. His father, Thomas Baskett, was a dealer at the art dealership firm Colnaghi. Prior to founding his own art dealership, John Baskett was employed by the British Museum, where he worked in the department of prints and drawings; he also assisted his father as a dealer at Colnaghi. In 1961, Baskett took a two-year leave of absence from Colnaghi to assist Paul Mellon at his home in Virginia as curator of Mellon's growing collection of British art.

Baskett served as Paul Mellon's first curator at the Brick House in Virginia (1961–63), where he also managed, with Willis Van Devanter, the creation of an art reference library. In 1967 Baskett received a loan from Paul Mellon, allowing him to found John Baskett Ltd., which was in operation until 1990. Throughout these years he was an influential art advisor to Paul Mellon.

John Baskett served as co-author of Paul Mellon's memoir, *Reflections in a Silver Spoon* (1992), and maintained a close friendship with Paul Mellon until Mellon's death in 1999.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence, exhibition catalogs, art-related publications, brochures, and loose-leaf notebooks of art reproductions that document the life and career of John Baskett, art dealer and close friend of Paul Mellon.

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into seven series: Series I. Correspondence, 1962 - 2019; Series II. John Baskett, Limited, 1967 - 1990; Series III. Notebooks, undated; Series IV. Photographs, 1961 - 2007; Series V. Publications, 1915 - 2011; Series VI. Subject files, undated, 1995-2005; Series VII. Paul Mellon's funeral and obituaries [restricted], undated, 1999.

## Collection Contents

### Series I. Correspondence, 1962–2019

Series I primarily contains correspondence between John Baskett and Paul Mellon regarding the purchase of art for Mellon's collection. Also included is some correspondence between Baskett and various assistants, curators, and librarians at Mellon's Oak Spring residence. There is also a folder of reproduced correspondence between Baskett, Mellon, and Basil Taylor from the 1960s.

Correspondence is arranged chronologically.

b. 1382, f. 1	Paul Mellon to and from Basil Taylor (copies) This folder is restricted. Originals are held in the Paul Mellon Collection of Basil Taylor Papers (S006).	1961–1975
b. 1382, f. 2	Paul Mellon to John Baskett	1962 January 22
b. 1382, f. 3	Rosemary Day to Paul Mellon	1963 March 18
b. 1382, f. 4	Paul Mellon to John Baskett	1963 November 17
b. 1382, f. 5	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1967 January 12
b. 1382, f. 6	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1967 January 29
b. 1382, f. 7	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1967 February 14–1967 February 28
b. 1382, f. 8	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1967 February 16
b. 1382, f. 9	Paul Mellon to John Baskett	1967 March 1
b. 1382, f. 10	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1967 March 2
b. 1382, f. 11	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1967 March 22
b. 1382, f. 12	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1967 April 1
b. 1382, f. 13	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1967 April 1
b. 1382, f. 14	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1967 May 9
b. 1382, f. 15	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1967 June 15
b. 1382, f. 16	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1967 June 30
b. 1382, f. 17	Check payable to John Baskett	1967 October 30
b. 1382, f. 18	John Baskett to Ethel Orendoff	1967 November 20
b. 1382, f. 19	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1967 November 25

b. 1382, f. 20	Jane Brownley Davenport to Ethel Orendoff	1967 December 5
b. 1382, f. 21	John Baskett Paul Mellon	1968 January 18
b. 1382, f. 22	Paul Mellon to John Baskett	1968 January 22
b. 1382, f. 23	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1968 February 2
b. 1382, f. 24	John Baskett to Beverly Carter	1968 February 12
b. 1382, f. 25	John Baskett to Ethel Orendorff	1968 February 19
b. 1382, f. 26	John Baskett to Beverly Carter	1968 March 5
b. 1382, f. 27	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1968 April 2
b. 1382, f. 28	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1968 May 2– 1968 May 28
b. 1382, f. 29	Paul Mellon to John Baskett	1968 May 8
b. 1382, f. 30	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1968 September 25
b. 1382, f. 31	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1968 September 10
b. 1382, f. 32	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1968 October 29
b. 1382, f. 33	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1968 December 12
b. 1382, f. 34	John Baskett to Ethel Orendorff	1969 January 1
b. 1382, f. 35	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1968 March 31
b. 1382, f. 36	Paul Mellon to John Baskett	1969 June 20
b. 1382, f. 37	Tate Gallery to Paul Mellon	1979 December 5
b. 1382, f. 38	Paul Mellon to John Baskett	1980 August 7
b. 1382, f. 39	John Baskett to and from Dita Amory	1983 October 12–1983 October 21
b. 1382, f. 40	Dita Amory to and from John Baskett and Julian Seymour	1984 February 8–1984 February 15
b. 1382, f. 41	John Baskett to Dita Amory	1984 April 5
b. 1382, f. 42	John Baskett to Dita Amory	1984 May 16
b. 1382, f. 43	John Baskett to Dita Amory	1984 June 12
b. 1382, f. 44	John Baskett to Dita Amory	1984 June 15

b. 1382, f. 45	Mark Fisher to Rachel Mellon	1984 October 17
b. 1382, f. 46	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1984 November 16
b. 1382, f. 47	John Baskett to and from Dita Amory	1984 November 20–1984 November 26
b. 1382, f. 48	Sarah Frances Cunningham-Reid to and from John Baskett and Rachel Mellon	1985 March 5–1985 May 3
b. 1382, f. 49	John Baskett to and from Tony Willis	1985 March 6–1985 March 20
b. 1382, f. 50	Nial Hobhouse to John Baskett	1985 March 25
b. 1382, f. 51	Dita Amory to John Baskett	1985 July 19
b. 1382, f. 52	Dita Amory to John Baskett and Shaunagh Fitzgerald	1985 August 15–1985 August 16
b. 1382, f. 53	John Baskett to and from Sandra Raphael and Carroll Cavanagh	1985 August 26–1985 September 2
b. 1382, f. 54	John Baskett to Dita Amory	1986 April 17
b. 1382, f. 55	Tony Willis to John Baskett	1986 May 7
b. 1382, f. 56	Sandra Raphael to John Baskett	1986 October 31
b. 1382, f. 57	Sandra Raphael to John Baskett	1986 November 15
b. 1382, f. 58	Martha Tross to and from John Baskett	1987 March 16–1987 March 24
b. 1383, f. 1	Sandra Raphael to John Baskett	1988 May 2
b. 1383, f. 2	Roger Jenkins to C. Cavanagh cc. John Baskett	1988 July 12
b. 1383, f. 3	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1988 July 15
b. 1383, f. 4	Caroll J. Cavenagh to Roger E. Jenkins	1988 July 25
b. 1383, f. 5	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1988 July 26
b. 1383, f. 6	Eric Lindquist to John Baskett	1988 August 15
b. 1383, f. 7	John Baskett to and from the Hotel Ritz, Madrid, regarding a reservation	1988 August 30–1988 October 21
b. 1383, f. 8	John Baskett to Beverly Carter	1988 September 19
b. 1383, f. 9	John Baskett to Dita Amory	1988 September 28

b. 1383, f. 10	Paul Mellon to Virginia Warner	1988 October 3
b. 1383, f. 11	Tony Willis to John Baskett	1988 October 4
b. 1383, f. 12	Linda Kikuchi to John Baskett	1988 October 7
b. 1383, f. 13	Eric Lindquist to John Baskett	1988 October 18
b. 1383, f. 14	Sandra Raphael to John Baskett	1988 October 18–1988 October 19
b. 1383, f. 15	Sandra Raphael to John Baskett	1988 October 20
b. 1383, f. 16	Sandra Raphael to and from John Baskett	1988 October 20
b. 1383, f. 17	John Baskett to Eric Lindquist	1988 October 21
b. 1383, f. 18	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1988 October 26
b. 1383, f. 19	Paul Mellon to John Baskett	1988 October 26
b. 1383, f. 20	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1988 October 26–1988 October 27
b. 1388, f. 21	John Baskett to Paul Mellon and Rachel Mellon	1988 October 27–1988 November 28
b. 1383, f. 22	Jane Bromley-Davenport to Martha Tross	1988 November 4
b. 1383, f. 23	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1988 November 21
b. 1383, f. 24	Thomas H. Beddall to John Baskett	1988 November 22
b. 1383, f. 25	Geoffrey Hughes to Paul Mellon	1988 November 28–1988 November 29
b. 1383, f. 26	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1988 December 2
b. 1383, f. 27	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1988 December 6
b. 1383, f. 28	John Baskett to Linda Kikushi	1988 December 8
b. 1383, f. 29	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1988 December 8
b. 1383, f. 30	Carroll Cavanagh to Geoffrey Hughes	1988 December 19

b. 1383, f. 31	John Baskett to Beverly Carter	1988 December 22
b. 1383, f. 32	Ronald Pepprell to John Baskett	1989 February 15
b. 1383, f. 33	John Baskett, Carroll J. Cavanagh and Eric Lindquist	1989 February 17–1989 June 19
b. 1383, f. 34	John Baskett to Dita Amory	1989 February 22
b. 1383, f. 35	Certificate of shipment signed B.A. Kichardson	1989 February 23
b. 1383, f. 36	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 February 27
b. 1383, f. 37	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1989 February 27
b. 1383, f. 38	Jane Bromley-Davenport to Paul Mellon	1989 March 2
b. 1383, f. 39	Jane Bromley-Davenport to Beverly Carter	1989 March 2
b. 1383, f. 40	Jane Bromley-Davenport to Paul Mellon	1989 March 3
b. 1383, f. 41	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 March 23
b. 1383, f. 42	Jane Bromley-Davenport to Rachel Mellon	1989 March 24
b. 1383, f. 43	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 March 28
b. 1383, f. 44	Eric Lindquist to John Baskett	1989 April 6
b. 1383, f. 45	John Baskett to Eric Lindquist	1989 April 11
b. 1383, f. 46	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 April 14
b. 1383, f. 47	Beverly Carter to Bernard Quaritch Ltd.	1989 April 24
b. 1383, f. 48	Jane Bromley-Davenport to and from Sandra Raphael	1989 April 25
b. 1383, f. 49	Elspeth Riley Smith to John Baskett	1989 April 26
b. 1383, f. 50	Jane Bromley-Davenport to Paul Mellon	1989 April 26
b. 1383, f. 51	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1989 April 27
b. 1383, f. 52	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 April 27
b. 1383, f. 53	Carroll J. Cavanagh to John Baskett	1989 May 2
b. 1383, f. 54	John Baskett to West End Business Systems (Kate Sanders)	1989 May 2
b. 1383, f. 55	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 May 3
b. 1383, f. 56	Jane Bromley-Davenport to Beverly Carter	1989 May 8
b. 1383, f. 57	Jane Bromley-Davenport to Paul Mellon	1989 May 8
b. 1383, f. 58	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 May 10
b. 1383, f. 59	John Baskett to Sanda Raphael	1989 May 18

b. 1383, f. 60	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 May 22
b. 1383, f. 61	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1989 May 24
b. 1383, f. 62	John Baskett to Linda Kikushi	1989 May 24
b. 1383, f. 63	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 May 24– 1989 May 25
b. 1383, f. 64	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1989 May 25
b. 1383, f. 65	Beverly Carter to John Baskett	1989 June 26
b. 1383, f. 66	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 June 26
b. 1383, f. 67	Paul Mellon to John Baskett	1989 July 3
b. 1383, f. 68	John Baskett to Lord Howard de Walden	1989 July 3
b. 1383, f. 69	Air Waybill from Paul Mellon to John Baskett	1989 July 6
b. 1383, f. 70	Jane Bromley-Davenport to Aliene	1989 July 21
b. 1383, f. 71	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 July 25
b. 1383, f. 72	John S. Connor Inc to John Baskett	1989 September 11
b. 1383, f. 73	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 October 27
b. 1383, f. 74	John Baskett to Beverly Carter and Guy Neville	1989 October 28–1989 October 30
b. 1383, f. 75	John Baskett to Beverly Carter	1989 October 31
b. 1383, f. 76	John Baskett to Sandra Raphael	1989 November 6
b. 1383, f. 77	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 November 7
b. 1383, f. 78	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 November 9
b. 1383, f. 79	Sandra Raphael to John Baskett	1989 November 9
b. 1383, f. 80	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 November 10
b. 1384, f. 81	Jane Bromley-Davenport to Rachel Mellon	1989 November 13
b. 1384, f. 1	John Baskett to Linda Kikushi	1989 November 14
b. 1384, f. 2	John Baskett and Beverly Carter to unknown	1989 November 16

b. 1384, f. 3	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 November 17
b. 1384, f. 4	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 November 20
b. 1384, f. 5	Jane Bromley-Davenport to John Baskett	1989 November 22
b. 1384, f. 6	Judy Egerton to John Baskett	1989 November 23–1998 November 10
b. 1384, f. 7	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1989 December 5
b. 1384, f. 8	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 December 5
b. 1384, f. 9	R. Grundy to Dorcas Hardin	1989 December 6
b. 1384, f. 10	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 December 7
b. 1384, f. 11	John Baskett to Tom Beddall	1989 December 7
b. 1384, f. 12	Paul Mellon to Alan Williams	1989 December 11
b. 1384, f. 13	Beverly Carter to John Baskett	1989 December 12
b. 1384, f. 14	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 December 12
b. 1384, f. 15	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 December 18
b. 1384, f. 16	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 December 18
b. 1384, f. 17	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1989 December 19
b. 1384, f. 18	Andrew McIntosh Patrick to Paul Mellon	1989 December 19
b. 1384, f. 19	John Baskett to Anita Engels	1990 September 26–1990 November 29
b. 1384, f. 20	Rachel Mellon to John Baskett	1990 September 26
b. 1384, f. 21	Rachel Mellon to John Baskett	1990 October 2
b. 1384, f. 22	John Baskett to Janet Stewart	1990 October 3

b. 1384, f. 23	John Baskett to Janet Stewart	1990 November 29
b. 1384, f. 24	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1990 November 29
b. 1384, f. 25	John Baskett to and from Nicholas Barker	1990 November 29
b. 1384, f. 26	Carroll Cavanagh to Sandra Raphael	1990 December 3
b. 1384, f. 27	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1990 December 5
b. 1384, f. 28	John Baskett to and from unknown	1991 January 5
b. 1384, f. 29	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1991 July 9
b. 1384, f. 30	Tony Willis to John Baskett	1991 October 18
b. 1384, f. 31	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1991 October 30
b. 1384, f. 32	Nancy Huthansel to John Baskett	1991 November 8
b. 1384, f. 33	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1992 June 23
b. 1384, f. 34	Beverly Carter to Rick Levin	1995 January 9
b. 1384, f. 35	Rachel Mellon to John Baskett	1995 March 23
b. 1384, f. 36	Helen Linfield to Paul Mellon	1995 May 10
b. 1384, f. 37	Beverly Carter to John Baskett	1995 August 25
b. 1384, f. 38	John Baskett to Nancy Collins	1995 August 25
b. 1384, f. 39	John Baskett to Lucia Tongiorgi Tomasi	1995 August 26
b. 1384, f. 40	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	1995 September 14
b. 1384, f. 41	Paul Mellon to John Baskett	1995 September 23
b. 1384, f. 42	John Baskett to Dorcas Hardin	1995 September 24
b. 1384, f. 43	The Daily Telegraph to and from John Baskett, and Paul Mellon (John Walker's Daily Telegraph Obituary)	1995 September 29–1995 October 30
b. 1384, f. 44	John Baskett to and from Paul Mellon	1995 October 15
b. 1384, f. 45	John Baskett to Embassy of the United States in London, England	1995 November 22

b. 1384, f. 46	John Baskett to Embassy of the United States in London, England	1995 December 18
b. 1384, f. 47	John Baskett Application for Non-immigrant Visa	1995 December 18
b. 1384, f. 48	Sue Hawkins to and from Paul Mellon and John Baskett	1996 February 26
b. 1384, f. 49	Paul Mellon to and from John Baskett	1996 March 19– 1996 March 25
b. 1384, f. 50	Unknown to John Baskett	1996 March 22
b. 1384, f. 51	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1996 March 22
b. 1384, f. 52	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon and Julia Blackeley	1996 March 27
b. 1384, f. 53	Paul Mellon to John Baskett	1996 April 10
b. 1384, f. 54	Beverly Carter to Anthony Spink	1996 April 17
b. 1384, f. 55	Nicholas Perren to John Baskett and John Baskett to Beverly Carter	1996 April 23
b. 1384, f. 56	Marks and Spencer to John Baskett: invoice	1996 June 14
b. 1384, f. 57	John Baskett to Kenneth Herr	1996 July 6
b. 1384, f. 58	John Baskett to William Morrow Company	1996 July 14
b. 1384, f. 59	Kenneth Herr to and from John Baskett	1996 July 19– 1996 July 23
b. 1384, f. 60	John Baskett to Kenneth Herr	1996 July 23
b. 1384, f. 61	Kenneth J. Herr to John Baskett	1996 November 27
b. 1384, f. 62	John Baskett to and from Paul Mellon	1996 December 2–1996 December 6
b. 1384, f. 63	Christie, Manson & Woads Ltd. to John Baskett: invoice	1998 April 5
b. 1384, f. 64	Joanne Monks to the Gaverick Club	1998 June 23
b. 1384, f. 65	John Baskett to William B. Ouzts	1998 February 25
b. 1384, f. 66	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	1998 June 24– 1998 June 26
b. 1384, f. 67	Richard Newbury to John Baskett	1998 June 26
b. 1384, f. 68	John Baskett to Richard Newbury	1998 June 29
b. 1384, f. 69	Susan Cochroh to and from John Baskett	1998 July 20
b. 1384, f. 70	John Baskett to Tony Willis	1998 October 15

b. 1384, f. 71	John Baskett to Simon Hornby	1998 October 15
b. 1384, f. 72	Raymond Seitz to John Baskett	1998 October 17
b. 1384, f. 73	Tony Willis to John Baskett	1998 November 6
b. 1384, f. 74	John Baskett to and from Rachel Mellon	1998 November 6
b. 1384, f. 75	Draft of Paul Mellon's obituary for "The Times" (by Duncan Robinson)	2001 November 6
b. 1384, f. 76	Tony Willis to John Baskett	2004 April 16
b. 1384, f. 77	John Baskett to Rachel Mellon	2004 June 1
b. 1384, f. 78	Patricia Zandy Email to Barbara Sheilor, Amy Myers, Brian Allen	2005 February 15
b. 1384, f. 79	George Stoke to John Baskett	2006 March 16
b. 1384, f. 80	John Baskett to Kasha Jenkinson	2006 March 17
b. 1384, f. 81	John Baskett sketch of the Brick House layout	2019 April 30
b. 1384, f. 82	Brian Allen to John Baskett	undated
b. 1384, f. 83	John Baskett to Paul Mellon	undated
b. 1384, f. 84	John Baskett to Beverly Carter	undated
b. 1384, f. 85	John Baskett to Helen Linfield	undated
b. 1384, f. 86	Portion of letter from Raymond Seitz	undated

**Series II. John Baskett, Limited , 1967–1990**

Series II, John Baskett, Limited, contains a bound ledger that documents all the sales made by John Baskett during his tenure as an independent art dealer (1967-1990).

b. 1377	John Baskett Ltd. stock book	1967–1990
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**Series III. Notebooks, undated**

Series III, Notebooks, contains loose-leaf pages from several notebooks created by John Baskett circa 1958, to learn about prints and drawings, circa the mid-1950s through the early 1960s. Pages include images and description of artworks.

The notebook pages have been kept in their original order.

b. 1376, item 1	John Baskett bound notebook	undated
b. 1376, item 2-4	John Baskett loose leaf notebooks	undated
b. 1379, item 1-2	John Baskett loose leaf notebooks	undated

## Series IV. Photographs, 1961 - 2007, bulk 1961 - 1963

Series IV, Photographs, includes both print and digitized photographs. The sub-series, Digitized Photographs, contains digitized copies of 272 photographs from an album documenting Baskett's years at the Brick House in Virginia (1961-1963). There are individual images and digitizations of album pages. The album includes photographs of John Baskett and others involved in caring for and building Paul Mellon's art and rare book collections, such as Willis Van Devanter, Martha Tross and Basil Taylor; there are also numerous photographs of the landscape and homes in Upperville, Virginia.

The sub-series in 'Photographs: reproductions included in 'Paul Mellon's Legacy: A Passion for British Art'' contains printed photo reproductions of earlier images used to illustrate John Baskett's essay 'Paul Mellon: A Remembrance' in the 2007 catalogue, 'Paul Mellon's Legacy: A Passion for British Art.' These images show Andrew Mellon, Paul Mellon at various stages in his life, and pictures of John Baskett and Paul Mellon together.

Photographs in sub-series 'Digitized album' have been kept in their original order.

Photographs in sub-series 'Photographs: reproductions included in 'Paul Mellon's Legacy: A Passion for British Art' are arranged chronologically.

	Digitized album	1961-1963, 2021
	Album pages	
	JPEGS	
	TIFFS	
	Individual photographs	
	Cropped shots 1	
	JPEGS	
	TIFFS	
	Cropped shots 2	
	JPEGS	
	TIFFS	
	Photographs: reproductions included in 'Paul Mellon's Legacy: A Passion for British Art'	undated
b. 4009, f. 1	Andrew Mellon, from 'The Age of the Moguls' by Steward Halbrook (1953)	undated
b. 4009, f. 2	The Brick House, undated	
b. 4009, f. 3	John Baskett with Paul Mellon in front of his father's house at Woodland Road, Pittsburgh	undated
b. 4009, f. 4	Paul Mellon, age six, England, 1913	undated
b. 4009, f. 5	Paul Mellon en route to Omaha Beach, 1944	undated
b. 4009, f. 6	Paul Mellon, circa 1962	undated
b. 4009, f. 7	Paul Mellon with John Baskett at a loan meet at Oak Spring, 1998	undated

Photographs: reproductions included in 'Paul Mellon's Legacy: A [...] (continued)

b. 4009, f. 8

Portrait of Basil Taylor by Gerald Frankl, 1952

undated

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## Series V. Publications, 1915–2011

Series V, Publications, contains an assortment of volumes collected by John Baskett and includes auction catalogues, books about Paul Mellon's collection, and general exhibition catalogues. It also includes pamphlets and brochures relating to Paul Mellon, the Mellon family, and events.

Publications are arranged alphabetically by title.

b. 1386, f. 1	Address by Paul Mellon at the Annual Testimonial Dinner at Keeneland	1975
b. 1386, f. 2	Address by Paul Mellon on receiving the Annual Award of Thoroughbred Club of America	1975
b. 1386, f. 3	Albrecht Durer; His Prints and His Influence, published by P & D Colnaghi & Co Ltd	1971
b. 1386, f. 4	Art in Seventeenth Century Italy, published by P & D Colnaghi & Co Ltd	1972
b. 1386, f. 5	Bonchurch, by Peter Brett	undated
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## Series VI. Subject files, undated, 1995-2005

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b. 1389, f. 3	Mellon book list	undated
b. 1389, f. 4	National Sporting Library Newsletter: "Thomas Rowlandson Drawings from the Paul Mellon Collection"	Spring 2005
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### **Subjects**

Art, British

### **Occupations**

Art dealers

### **Names**

Mellon, Paul  
Mellon, Rachel Lambert  
Taylor, Basil

### **Corporate Bodies**

National Gallery of Art (U.S.)  
Yale Center for British Art