

# Guide to the Emlen Etting Papers

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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 645

**CREATOR:** Etting, Emlen, 1905-1993

**TITLE:** Emlen Etting papers

**DATES:** 1924-1982

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.42 linear feet (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Emlen Etting Papers contain correspondence, writings, printed material, artwork, and photographs that document the professional and personal life of visual artist Emlen Etting. The papers span the years 1924 to 1982.

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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

Purchased from Serendipity Books on The Bradford F. and Lila L. Swan Fund, 1999.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Emlen Etting Papers. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

Former call number: Uncat ZA MS 648.

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## Associated Materials

Printed material received with the collection was removed for separate cataloging and can be accessed by searching Orbis (Yale's Online Catalog).

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## Emlen Etting (1905-1993)

Emlen Etting, American poet, painter, sculptor, illustrator, and filmmaker.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Writings, 1924-1957. II. Correspondence, 1927-1976. III. Other Papers, 1940-1982.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Writings, 1924-1957, undated

12 Folders

Contains typescript and autograph manuscript drafts of writings by Etting. Unidentified writings are filed at the end of the series.

b. 1, f. 1	Chateau de Feuilles, handwritten draft	1957
b. 1, f. 2-4	Mixing Memory and Desire, typescript draft and related notes and correspondence	1947
b. 1, f. 5	Paddling Down the Moselle, typescript draft	1924
b. 1, f. 6	Poems, handwritten drafts	undated
b. 1, f. 7	Poems for Travelers, handwritten draft	1956
b. 1, f. 8	Studio in Paris, typescript draft, photocopy	1928-1930
b. 1, f. 9-10	Voyage de Peintre, handwritten draft	1955
b. 1, f. 11-12	Various writings, handwritten and typescript drafts	1937-1940

**Series II: Correspondence, 1927-1976***26 Folders*

b. 1, f. 13-36	A-Z	1927-1973
b. 1, f. 37	Berman, Avis	1978-1980
b. 1, f. 38	Crosby, Caresse	1930-1961
b. 1, f. 39	Force, Julianna	1935-1949
b. 1, f. 40	Letters from Anthology Film Archive	1973-1976

**Series III: Other Papers, 1940-1982, undated***24 Folders*

Contains photographs of Etting and others, postcards, artwork by Etting and others, printed materials, and other papers.

Photographs		
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 57	Etting, Emlen	undated
b. 1, f. 41	Etting, Ellen	1940-1972, undated
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 58-59	Etting, Ellen	1940-1972, undated
b. 1, f. 42	Etting, Gloria	1977, undated
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 60	Etting, Gloria	1977, undated
b. 1, f. 43-44	Art by Etting	undated
b. 1, f. 45	[Damorsch, Walter]	undated
b. 1, f. 46	McDermott, Keith	1976 December
b. 1, f. 47	Siegel, Adrian Includes artwork by Siegel	1969, undated
b. 1, f. 48	"Phoenix Rising" photographs and articles	1982
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 61	Unidentified woman smoking a cigarette	undated
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 62	Unidentified running boy	undated
b. 1, f. 49	Unidentified boy in a uniform	undated
b. 1, f. 50	Various postcards and photographs	undated
Artwork		
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 63	Five sketches and watercolors by Emlen Etting	undated
b. 1, f. 51	Sketch, with related letter, by Julius Thiengen Block	1967
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 64-65	Lithographs by Alexander Portnoff	undated
b. 1, f. 52	Sketches and watercolors	undated
b. 1, f. 53	Notebook, "Emlen Etting III. M. R. B. A. P. O. 403"	1944
b. 2, f. 54-54a	Tear sheets, exhibit catalogs, clippings	1936-1980

b. 3 (Oversize), f. 66	Tear sheets, exhibit catalogs, clippings	1936-1980
b. 2, f. 55	Clippings used for art reference	1978, undated
b. 2, f. 56	"Voyage to Cythera," attributed to Robert Morse, typescript draft	undated



## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Artists -- United States -- Archives  
Illustrators -- United States -- Archives  
Painters -- United States -- Archives  
Poets -- United States -- Archives

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographic prints -- 20th Century  
Photographs -- 20th Century

### **Occupations**

Artists -- United States -- 20th Century --  
Archives  
Illustrators -- United States -- 20th Century  
Painters -- United States -- 20th Century  
Poets -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Etting, Emlen, 1905-1993