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# **Summary Information**

**Repository** Norman Rockwell Museum Archives - Reference Center Collection

Title Norman Rockwell Museum Institutional Archives Collection

**Date** 1910-2008

**Extent** 5.0 Linear feet

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**Language** English

**Abstract** This collection contains materials related to the history of the Norman

Rockwell Museum, as well as its predecessor institution, the Old Corner

House.

#### **Preferred Citation**

Norman Rockwell Museum Institutional Archives Collection, Norman Rockwell Archives, Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

## Historical note

Founded in 1969 with the help of Norman and Molly Rockwell, Norman Rockwell Museum is dedicated to the enjoyment and study of Rockwell's work and his contributions to society, popular culture, and social commentary. The Museum, which is accredited by the American Association of Museums, is the most popular year-round cultural attraction in the Berkshires.

The Museum houses the world's largest and most significant collection of Rockwell's work, including 998 original paintings and drawings. Rockwell lived in Stockbridge for the last 25 years of his life. Rockwell's Stockbridge studio, moved to the Museum site, is open to the public from May through October, and features original art materials, his library, furnishings, and personal items. The Museum also houses the Norman Rockwell Archives, a collection of more than 100,000 items, including working photographs, letters, personal calendars, fan mail, and business documents.

Having spent its first 24 years at the Old Corner House on Stockbridge's Main Street, the Museum moved to its present location, a 36-acre site overlooking the Housatonic River Valley, in 1993. Internationally renowned architect Robert A. M. Stern designed the Museum gallery building.

## **Scope and Contents**

The bulk of the collection consists of photographic materials, including slides and negatives, of museum events, including its groundbreaking. Other items include architectural renderings of the museum building, news clippings, and the National Humanities Medal awarded to the museum in 2008.

## **Arrangement**

Like items have been grouped together. Within these groupings, there is no specific arrangement.

## **Administrative Information**

#### **Publication Information**

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#### Access

This collection is open to researchers by appointment.

## Copyright

Norman Rockwell Museum abides by US copyright law. Even though Norman Rockwell personally contributed his paintings and archival materials to the Museum, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3), publicity/personality rights to his name and likeness belong to the Rockwell family, managed by the Norman Rockwell Licensing Company. Some materials in both collections created prior to 1923 are considered to be in the public domain.

# **Controlled Access Headings**

### **Corporate Name(s)**

•Norman Rockwell Museum at Stockbridge.

#### Personal Name(s)

•Norman Rockwell, 1894-1978