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Guide to Eugene Thurston collection, MS669

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MS 669
Eugene Thurston
collection

1917 – 2000s, Span Dates
0.50 inches (linear)



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Donated by Juan Sandoval, January 28, 2019 and Dr. Carol Miller, January 30, 2019.

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Biographical Sketch

Eugene B. Thurston (1896 – 1993) was an important and celebrated El Paso artist. He painted landscapes of the southwestern United States for more than 70 years. After graduating from El Paso High School, Thurston attempted to become an accountant to please his father, but his love of nature and painting soon won out. Thurston worked as an art instructor at the El Paso Technical Institute from 1940 – 1966, and he ran a greeting card business that sold cards with his artwork on them for many years. Since the late 1920s, he was active in organizing El Paso's arts community and was a founding member of the El Paso Arts Guild, Far Southwest Artists, and the El Paso Arts Association. Thurston's works are in museums, such as the El Paso Museum of Art, the International Museum of Art (El Paso), and the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, and in numerous private collections.

[Sources: *El Paso Herald-Post*, obituary, July 31, 1993; *Eugene B. Thurston: Retrospective Exhibit of Art Works*, 2003]

Series Description or Arrangement

This collection was left in the order found by archivist.

Scope and Content Notes

The Eugene Thurston collection dates circa 1966 – 2003. Types of records include original sketches, printed holiday cards, photographs, articles, copies of drawings and cartoons, and an exhibit catalog. This collection contains original art by Eugene Thurston as well as materials about his life and career.

Provenance Statement

This collection was donated by Juan Sandoval on January 28, 2019. The materials were donated to Juan by Dr. Carol Price Miller (granddaughter of Eugene Thurston). Dr. Miller donated additional materials on January 31, 2019.

Restrictions

No rights to original artworks.

Literary Rights Statement

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Notes to the Researcher

None.

Container List

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	Biographical information, cards, sketches, photos, copies of self-portrait and other art, and <i>Eugene Thurston: The Majesty of the Southwestern Landscape</i> [donated by Dr. Carol Price Miller]	1917 – 2000s
1	2	Original sketches, cards, exhibit catalog, articles [donated by Juan Sandoval]	circa 1966 – 2003