Elizabeth Hoopes interior
design watercolors, 1934, 1939
KA.0093

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Collection Overview

Repository  Kellen Design Archives

Creator - Artist  Hoopes, Elizabeth Geary, (Elizabeth Geary Hoopes-Krusen), 1908-

Creator  McMillen Inc.

Title  Elizabeth Hoopes interior design watercolors

Date [inclusive]  1934, 1939

Extent  0.3 linear ft: 4 illustrations

Summary  Elizabeth Geary Hoopes Krusen (1908-2006) was a student and instructor at the New York School of Fine and Applied Art (later, Parsons School of Design). She specialized in watercolor interior design renderings. The collection consists of four renderings of residential interiors by Hoopes, two of which were commissioned by McMillen, Inc.
Biographical note

Elizabeth Geary Hoopes Krusen was born October 20, 1908 in Sewickly, Pennsylvania to Edward Hoopes and Elizabeth Miller Geary. She studied at the New York School of Fine and Applied Art (later, Parsons The New School for Design) in New York and France between 1927 and 1930. She later taught for four years in the school's Paris Ateliers. Hoopes was nationally known for her "room portraits," watercolor paintings with an impressionist-inflected style. Eleanor Brown, founder of McMillen, Inc., one of New York's most celebrated interior decoration firms, commissioned interior renderings from Hoopes beginning in the early 1930s, creating a demand for the young artist's work. Elizabeth Hoopes Krusen died November 22, 2006.

Scope and Contents note

Three of the watercolors in this collection were executed in 1934; the fourth is dated 1939. Two of the renderings, the 1939 rendering and one of the 1934 renderings, indicate that McMillen, Inc. commissioned them from Hoopes. All four depict residential interiors and are signed "Elizabeth Hoopes."

Administrative Information

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Related Materials
Another watercolor by Elizabeth Hoopes is present in the New School Archives in the Lyman Martin interior decoration work and papers (KA.0031). McMillen, Inc. also holds renderings by Hoopes.

Keywords for Searching Related Subjects

Genre(s)
• Renderings.

Subject(s)
• Interior decoration in art.
• Interior decoration rendering.
• Interior decoration -- United States -- 20th century -- Pictorial works.

Other Finding Aids note
For selected item-level description and images from the Elizabeth Hoopes watercolors, see The New School Archives Digital Collections at http://digitalarchives.library.newschool.edu/index.php/Detail/collections/KA0093.

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