James Vinton Stowell sketch
of Harry Baker, circa 1916
KA.0100

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Collection Overview

Repository
Kellen Design Archives

Creator - Artist
Stowell, James Vinton, 1896-1970

Title
James Vinton Stowell sketch of Harry Baker

Date
circa 1916

Extent
0.1 linear ft: 1 illustration

Preferred Citation note
[Identification of item], [date (if known)], James Vinton Stowell sketch of Harry Baker, KA.0100, box __, folder __, New School Archives and Special Collections, The New School, New York, New York.

Biographical Note
James Vinton Stowell, Sr. (1897?-1970) was an artist, archaeologist and explorer. Stowell graduated from the New York School of Fine and Applied Art (later, Parsons The New School for Design) in 1917 with an Advertising Design degree, and was employed by the school as a trade representative through the 1918-1919 academic year. A native of Elmira, New York, Stowell served in the U.S. Navy in 1917-1918. While he worked as an art director in advertising, Stowell devoted his life to amateur archaeology of Native American sites. Some of the artifacts he collected were acquired on arctic expeditions, including a 1946 trip to Nova Scotia and Labrador on the ship Bowdoin, and a 1952 trip on the Regina Polaris to Hudson Bay. Stowell lectured and wrote extensively, primarily on his expeditions to the North and on archaeology. He died in 1970.

Scope and Content of Collection

James Vinton Stowell graduated from the New York School of Fine and Applied Art (later, Parsons The New School for Design) in 1917 with an Advertising Design degree, and was employed by the school as a trade representative through the 1918-1919 academic year. The subject of the pencil sketch, titled "Portrait of 'Our Mr. Baker," is Harry B. Baker, who taught life drawing at the school from 1915 until his death in 1941. The sketch is accompanied by an envelope, written by an unidentified person identifying the artist, erroneously, as C. Vinton Stowell, with the title. The envelope also identifies the sketch as having been done in "1913(?)," which is probably incorrect.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Kellen Design Archives November 9, 2010

Access Restrictions
Collection is open for research use. Please contact archivist@newschool.edu for appointment.

Use Restrictions
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Immediate Source of Acquisition
The sketch was found out of context in the New School Archives in 2009.

Related Materials
Harry B. Baker's papers (KA.0090) are part of the New School Archives’ holdings. James Vincent Stowell’s papers will be found in the National Archives of Canada.

Keywords for Searching Related Subjects

Genre(s)
- Portraits.
- Sketches.

Personal Name(s)
- Baker, Harry B., 1868-1941

Subject(s)
- Art teachers -- United States -- 20th century.

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