

Margery S. Knight sketchbooks, circa 1951-1980

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Collection Overview

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| Repository | Kellen Design Archives |
| Creator - Artist | Knight, Margery S., 1906-1994 |
| Title | Margery S. Knight sketchbooks |
| Date [inclusive] | circa 1951-1980 |
| Extent | 0.8 linear ft: 12 sketchbooks |
| Summary | Margery Knight (1906-1994) taught figure drawing and fashion illustration at Parsons School of Design from 1946 to 1969. The twelve sketchbooks in this collection, dating from the 1950s to 1980, contain rapid figure and fashion sketches, lecture notes, and anatomy studies. |

Preferred Citation note

[Identification of item], [date (if known)], Margery S. Knight sketchbooks, KA.0028, box __, folder __, New School Archives and Special Collections, The New School, New York, New York.

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Scope and Contents of Collection

The collection consists of twelve spiral-bound sketchbooks kept by Margery Knight from the 1950s until 1980. Sketches depict travel, costumes, still life arrangements, and figure drawings. Two sketchbooks have drawings and notes from an Art Students League class on anatomical drawing taught by Robert Beverly Hale. A second set of sketchbooks are comprised of costume illustrations. Drawings are rendered in a variety of media, including pencil, ink, watercolor, marker, crayon, pastels, and pen.

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Organization and Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

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Use Restrictions

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Sketchbooks included in the donation of the Stanley Barrows papers, 1997.

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Keywords for Searching Related Subjects

Genre(s)

- Drawings.
- Sketchbooks.
- Thumbnail sketches.
- Travel sketches.

Occupation(s)

- Fashion illustrators.

Subject(s)

- Drawing -- Study and teaching.
- Human figure in art.

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Collection Inventory

| | Box | Folder |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| General, circa 1950s-circa 1960s | 1 | 1 |
| Costume illustration, circa 1951-1961 | 1 | 2 |
| Costume illustration, circa 1952-1957 | 1 | 3 |
| General, circa 1957-1980 | 1 | 4 |
| General, circa 1960-1961 | 1 | 5 |
| General, circa 1960-1980 | 1 | 6 |
| General, circa 1961 | 1 | 7 |
| General, circa 1961-1962 | 2 | 1 |
| General, circa 1962-1963 | 2 | 2 |
| General, circa 1964 | 2 | 3 |
| Anatomy, circa 1965 | 2 | 4 |
| Anatomy, circa 1965-1966 | 2 | 5 |