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**A Finding Aid to the Lynn and James Igoe Papers,  
1883, 1968-1996, in the Archives of American Art**

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Creator:</b>	Igoe, Lynn, 1937-2006
<b>Creator:</b>	Igoe, James
<b>Title:</b>	Lynn and James Igoe papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1883, 1968-1996
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.2 linear Feet
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Lynn and James Igoe papers measure 0.2 linear feet and date primarily from 1968 to 1996 with a single receipt dating from 1883. The papers include correspondence primarily related to the Igoes' book <i>250 Years of Afro-American Art: An Annotated Bibliography</i> , but also related to the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1969 and its effect on artists, as well as correspondence from artists to Norman Pendergraft; artist files; and printed material.
<b>Language:</b>	English

## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Lynn and James Igoe papers were donated to the Archives of American Art by Lynn Igoe in 1985, with additional material donated through 1996.

### Processing Information

The collection was minimally processed and a finding aid prepared by Rayna Andrews in 2018 with funding from the Henry Luce Foundation.

### Preferred Citation

Lynn and James Igoe papers, 1883, 1968-1996. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

### Conditions Governing Access

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center.

## Biographical / Historical

Lynn Moody Igoe (1937-2006) was an art historian and author who wrote about African American art and artists. She was the chairman of the department of art and the director of the art gallery at North Carolina Central University. In 1981, she and her husband James Igoe published *250 Years of Afro-American Art: An Annotated Bibliography*, a comprehensive annotated bibliography compiling citations on 3,900 black artists.

## Scope and Contents

The Lynn and James Igoe papers measure 0.2 linear feet and date primarily from 1968 to 1996 with a single receipt dating from 1883. The papers include correspondence primarily related to the Igoes' book *250*

*Years of Afro-American Art: An Annotated Bibliography*; correspondence with Artists Equity Association chairman Elias Newman and others related to the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1969 and its effect on artists; correspondence from artists to Norman Pendergraft; artist files; and printed material.

## **Arrangement**

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

Series 1: Lynn and James Igoe papers, 1883, 1968-1996 (Box 1; 0.2 linear feet)

## **Names and Subject Terms**

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Archives of American Art under the following terms:

### **Subjects:**

African American art  
African American artists  
Art historians  
Taxation

### **Names:**

Artists Equity Association  
Newman, Elias, 1903-  
Pendergraft, Norman E., 1934-

## Series Descriptions/Container Listing

### 1: Lynn and James Igoe Papers, 1883, 1968-1996

#### *0.2 linear Feet; Box 1*

Correspondence related to the book, *250 Years of Afro-American Art: An Annotated Bibliography*, and the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1969 is primarily addressed to and from Lynn Igoe.

Letters to Norman Pendergraft are from Romare Bearden, Samuel J. Brown, Selma Burke, Avel de Knight, Elton C. Fax, Bill Huston, Vincent Smith, and Joshua C. Taylor.

Artist files are for Allen Fannin, Osmund Guy, Raymond Lark, and Bernard Wright and include correspondence, mostly regarding visits to North Carolina Central University as a visiting scholar/lecturer; resumes; and printed material, including photocopies. Bernard Wright's file contains only slides.

Printed material includes an 1883 receipt for art materials from Yates & Co., San Francisco; a photocopy of *The Negro and the Atlanta Exposition* (1869) by Alice M. Bacon; business cards, a catalog for the exhibition, *Collectors' Choice: From the collections of Donald Byrd and Paul Clifford*, and flyers for a series of children's books.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
1	1-4	Correspondence, 1968-1983, 1996
1	5	Letters from Artists to Norman Pendergraft, 1977-1994
1	6	Artist File — Fannin, Allen, 1968-1969
1	7	Artist File — Guy, Osmund, 1969-1971
1	8	Artist File — Lark, Raymond, 1973-1984
1	9	Artist File — Wright, Bernard, undated <i>This file contains 20 slides of works of art.</i>
1	10	Printed Material, 1883, undated, 1980