

Eugénie Prendergast Personal Photo Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	WCMA_Repository
Creator	Prendergast, Eugénie , 1894-1994
Title	Eugénie Prendergast Personal Photo Collection
Date	ca. 1890-1994
Extent	7.0 Linear feet
Physical Description note	7 boxes
Language	English
Abstract	Spanning the lifetime of Eugénie Prendergast, this collection contains both black and white photographs and color photographs of Eugénie Prendergast, Charles Prendergast, as well as various friends and relatives.

Biographical/Historical note

The Williams College Museum of Art is home to the world's largest repository of the work of the artist brothers Maurice Prendergast (1858–1924) and Charles Prendergast (1863–1948)

Charles Prendergast was steeped in the Arts and Crafts culture of Boston as a young man and produced highly prized, hand-carved frames for the greatest artists of his day, including John Singer Sargent. He devised a method of painting on carved and incised panels that was influential in American primitive and folk art of the first half of the twentieth century. He turned to pictorial fine art in 1912, bringing non-Western and pre-Renaissance styles into his carved panels. In 1927, Charles married Eugénie Van Kemmel. By 1940, he turned to American folk art and subjects.

Eugénie Prendergast (1894–1994), Charles's widow, was an active guardian of the work and reputations of Maurice and Charles after Charles's death in 1948. In 1983, she and the Prendergast Foundation formed an association with the Williams College Museum of Art to sponsor the Prendergast catalogue raisonné and related research projects, which continued as the Prendergast Archive and Study Center. Mrs. Prendergast also donated or bequeathed approximately 400 works by the Prendergast brothers and established funds for ongoing research, exhibitions, and publications on the Prendergasts and their artistic era, as well as operating support for the museum and its education and outreach programs. This largesse is supplemented by letters, documents, books, and other archival materials that support the original research. The museum's Prendergast holdings and archives relating to the lives and careers of the brothers make the museum a center for scholarship on the Prendergasts and their contemporaries.

Scope and Contents note

Eugénie Prendergast's personal photo collection spans nearly a century and documents a variety of trips, vacations, special events as well as everyday life. Many of Eugénie and Charles Prendergast's relatives and friends are in this collection including Antoinette Maynard and her children, Francine Brehon, Robert and John Brady, John Boyd, Helen Hayes, Walter Pach and his family, William Glackens and his family, Van Johnson, Van Wyck and Gladys Brooks, and several others. Also included in this collection are photographs of Eugénie Prendergast and others at various Prendergast exhibits taking place at Williams College Museum of Art.

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged primarily in chronological order. Photos have been kept with their original sets.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Aquisition note

Gift of Mrs. Charles Prendergast

Processing note

The photos have been placed in polyester sleeves and put into archival folders and boxes.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Prendergast, Charles, 1863-1948
- Prendergast, Eugénie , 1894-1994

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
A.1.716 Eugénie, Marie, and Louis or Henri Van Kemmel 1900-1910	1	1
A.1.717 Four women and a dog (Eugénie Van Kemmel is second on left) 1910-1920	1	2
A.1.718 Louis or Henri Van Kemmel 1890-1900	1	3
A.1.719 Eugénie Prendergast relative last name Vanwaerde 1914-1918	1	4
A.1.720 Charles Gatenby 1914-1918	1	5
A.1.721 Charles (unknown last name) 1914-1918	1	6
A.1.722 Charles Gatenby and George (unknown last name) 1918-1920	1	7
A.1.723 Louis Van Kemmel (Eugénie Prendergast's brother) 1910-1920	1	8
A.1.724 Louis Van Kemmel 1900s	1	9
A.1.725 Paul and Rene (unknown last name) August 21, 1923	1	10
A.1.726 Jeanne Brun 1920	1	11

A.1.727 Jeanne Brun 1920	1	12
A.1.728.A-J Unknown friends or relatives 1914-1930	1	13
A.1.729.A-J Series of Charles and Ethel Gatenby in England 1919-1924	1	14
A.1.729.L-T Series of Charles and Ethel Gatenby in England 1919-1924	1	15
A.1.730.A-D The S/S France 1925	1	16
A.1.731.A-D Series including Van Wyck Brooks, Walter Pach, Eugénie Prendergast, Gladys Brooks, Charles Prendergast, and Mrs. Pach 1930	1	17
A.1.731.E Copy of Eugénie Van Kemmel and Charles Prendergast's Marriage Certificate 1927	1	18
A.1.732 Eugénie Prendergast 1920-1929	1	19
A.1.733.A-B Charles Prendergast 1920-1929	1	20
A.1.734.A-D Series of Eugénie Prendergast 1920-1929	1	21
A.1.735.A-N Eugénie and Charles Prendergast 1927 tour of France and Monaco September, 1927	1	22
A.1.735.O-Z, A.1.735.AA-BB Eugénie and Charles Prendergast 1927 tour of France and Monaco 1927-1929	1	23

A.1.736.A-U Series of Eugénie and Charles Prendergast and Van Kemmel family members in France 1927-1929	1	24
A.1.737.A-C Series of Charles Prendergast playing tennis 1930	1	25
A.1.738.A-J Charles Prendergast cars ca. 1920s-1930s	2	1
A.1.739.A-T Maryland Series 1929-1930	2	2
A.1.83 Charles Prendergast holding completed "Hilltown" ca. 1928	2	3
A.1.740.A-D Charles Prendergast's "Hilltown" 1928	2	4
A.1.741 Charles Prendergast seated on bench reading paper 1930	2	5
A.1.742.A-G Series including Eugénie and Charles Prendergast and Francine Brehon (Eugénie Prendergast's cousin visiting from France) 1933	2	6
A.1.743.A-E Series including Eugénie and Charles Prendergast and M.D.C. and Elizabeth Crawford 1936	2	7
A.1.744.A-O Series including Valhalla, NY, Vermont, Connecticut, and New Hampshire 1937	2	8
A.1.745.A-B Visiting the Glackens in New Hampshire 1938	2	9

A.1.746 Left to Right: Walter Pach, unknown woman, Mrs. Pach, Williams Glackens, Edith Glackens 1938	2	10
A.1.747 Eugénie Prendergast taken at Crooked Mile Road residence 1930-1939	2	11
A.1.748.A-D Eugénie Prendergast taken at Crooked Mile Road residence 1938	2	12
A.1.749.A-F Series including Charles Prendergast, Eugenie Prendergast, and Antoinette Maynard in Vermont, Concord, MA and West Medford, MA	2	13
A.1.750.A-H Series including Charles Prendergast and Antoinette Maynard at Crooked Mile Road on Antoinette's 16th birthday 1939	2	14
A.1.751.A-F Series including Antoinette Maynard, Charles Prendergast, Eugénie Prendergast, and Claudine (Prendergast's maid) August 1940	2	15
A.1.752.A-D Series of Charles Prendergast and M.D.C. Crawford in garden at Crooked Mile Road, Westport, CT 1941	2	16
A.1.753.A-D Series including Eugénie Prendergast and Antoinette Maynard at Crooked Mile Road November, 1939	2	17
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A.1.755.A-B Sketches used as guides for mirror for Antoinette Maynard Summer 1941	2	19
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A.1.758.A-L Series of gardens at Crooked Mile Road, Westport, CT including bird bath created by Charles Prendergast 1941	2	23
A.1.759.A-I Charles Prendergast and Eugénie Prendergast at Crooked Mile Road ca 1940s	2	24
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A.1.761 Newspaper page from New York Times Sunday Real Estate section displaying ad for Prendergast's Crooked Mile Road house September 26, 2004	3	2
A.1.762.A-D Eugénie Prendergast relatives in France ca. 1940s	3	3

A.1.763 George Van Kemmel (cousin of Eugénie Prendergast) 20th century	3	4
A.1.764.A-C Apartment of Madame Verlet, Paris 20th century	3	5
A.1.765.A-C Various locations including Naples, Florida 1952	3	6
A.1.766 Eugénie Prendergast in Venice, Italy 1953	3	7
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A.1.768.A-K Eugénie Prendergast and various individuals at her Wilton Terrace home 1954	3	9
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A.1.787.A-E Eugénie Prendergast and Wilton Terrace home 1960	4	4
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A.1.788.M-S Cuernavaca, Mexico home of Robert Brady ca. 1960-1969	4	6
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A.1.806.I-N Series of Palm Beach Florida	5	2
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A.1.824 Paul Maynard ca. 1970s	5	21
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A.1.833 Eugénie Prendergast and the Hansons (?) 1983	6	5
A.1.834.A-B Eugénie Prendergast and Mr. Hanson 1984	6	6

A.1.835 Coolidge Wedding in Boston; Eugénie Prendergast and unknown male 1984	6	7
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A.1.846 Construction of part of Williams College Museum of Art September 1985	6	22
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A.1.849.A-H New addition and construction of Prendergast wing including letter from Nancy Matthews to Eugénie Prendergast May 1986	6	25
A.1.850 Eugénie Prendergast and Frank Oakley at Williams College Museum of Art in front of Charles Prendergast panel, "Skaters at the World's Fair" 1986	7	1
A.1.851 Group at a Prendergast Exhibit opening at WCMA; (L to R) Mrs. Boyd, John Boyd, Paul Maynard, Joe Butler, Antoinette Maynard, Eugénie	7	2

Prendergast, Carol Derby, unknown, unknown, unknown, Cathy Genvert, Diane Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Brumbaugh 1986		
A.1.852 Group at opening of Prendergast Exhibition (L to R) Frank Oakley, Milton Brown, Marion Goethals, Tom Krens, Carol Clark, Eugénie Prendergast, unknown, Wendy Owens, C. Parkhurst, Ann Havigna, Laine Faison, Carol Derby 1986	7	3
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A.1.854 Eugénie Prendergast and unknown male at Williams College Museum of Art 1986	7	5
A.1.855 Eugénie Prendergast and unknown couple at Williams College Museum of Art 1986	7	6
A.1.855 Eugénie Prendergast and others at Williams College Museum of Art 1986	7	7
A.1.857.A-B Eugénie Prendergast's relatives in France 1987	7	8
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