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GEORGE VAN MILLETT PAPERS

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Introduction

Approximately 5 cubic feet.

The collection consists of letters, publications and gallery catalogs, photographs, and other related materials concerning the life and work of Kansas City artist, George Van Millett.

George Van Millett was born on April 5, 1864, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Henry Shirley and Elizabeth M. Ferguson Millett. At the age of 22, Millett traveled to Munich, Germany, where he studied at the Royal Academy of Art. After graduation, he traveled to Holland and France before returning to Kansas City. In 1896, Millett helped organize the Paint Club, which later became the Kansas City Art Institute, and served as its first president. An accomplished artist, Millett was known for his portraits and painted many of Kansas City's prominent individuals. Millett married Mary Mimms McKee in 1899. He died on January 15, 1953, and is buried at Mount Moriah Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Box 1

Military Records

- Air Commerce Regulations, Aeronautic Bulletin No. 7, 1932
- Assembly: Association of Graduates, USMA*, Vol. 15, No. 2, 1956
- Bulletin of Information for Persons Registered, Form 5, 1940
- C.P.A. Review Problems, Catalog No. C 507
- Graduation Exercises, 1929

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The Howitzer: The Annual of the United States Corps of Cadets yearbook, 1927-1928
Kansas Centennial Commemoration, 1961
The Kayseer, yearbook for the Junior College of Kansas City, 1923
Instructions for Use in Preparation for the Machinist's Mate handbook, 1937
The Noreaster yearbook for Northeast High School, 1927
Official Register of the Officers and Cadets; United States Military Academy, 1926, 1928
Program for Organization Day, The Seventieth Anniversary of the Organization of the Seventeenth United States Infantry, Fort Crook, Nebraska, 1931
Yearbook for 507th Parachute Infantry, 1943 (2 copies)
The Pointer of the United States Military Academy, Vol. 3, No. 1, 1925
Register of Graduates and Former Cadets, United States Military Academy, West Point, 1949
The Ships and Aircraft of the United States Fleet by James C. Fahey, War edition, 1942
Yearbooks for Wentworth Military Academy, 1921, 1930-1931

Box 2

Kansas City History Files

Book, *American Religion as I See it Lived* by Burriss Jenkins, 1930
Publication brochure for two books, *Annals of the City of Kansas* by C.C. Spalding and *City of the Future* by Henry Haskell, Jr. and Richard B. Fowler
Booklet, "The Battle of Westport and the Movement of the Missouri Valley Historical Society of Kansas City, to Make a Memorial Park out of a Part of the Battlefield"
Book, *Destruction of San Francisco*, 1906
Booklet, "George Inness, Jr., Man and Artist, An Appreciation" by Louis J. Richards
Magazine, "Godey's Lady's Book", 1865, 1868
Life Magazine, 1909, 1943 (2 folders)
Missouri Historical Review, 1940, 1945-1946
Program for Native Sons of Kansas City Dinner at the Hotel Bellerive, 1939
Newsletter, *North American Kansan*, 1943-1945
Magazine, *Point of View*, 1921
Public Speeches of Joseph B. Shannon, *Thomas Jefferson: The Advocate of Truth, Freedom and Equality*, 1929
Newsletter, "The Sheffield Ladle," 1943
Reminiscences of Ten Years' Experience on the Western Plains by James Brice
Book, *Tom's Town: Kansas City and the Pendergast Legend* by William M. Reddig, 1947
Book, *Where my Caravan has Rested* by Burriss Jenkins, 1939
Book, *William Rockhill Nelson: The Story of a Man a Newspaper and a City* by Members of the Staff of *The Kansas City Star*, 1915
Miscellaneous, diplomas, speeches, military, notes, lists, programs, and other

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general items (2 folders)

Box 3

Artists and Art Collections

Booklets, *Little Journeys to the Homes of Eminent Artists*

Raphael, Vol. 10, No. 1, 1902

Leonardo, Vol. 10, No. 2, 1902

Botticelli, Vol. 10, No. 3, 1902

Thorvaldsen, Vol. 10, No. 4, 1902

Gainsborough, Vol. 10, No. 5, 1902

Velasquez, Vol. 10, No. 6, 1902

Corot, Vol. 11, No. 1, 1902

Correggio, Vol. 11, No. 2, 1902

Bellini, Vol. 11, No. 3, 1902

Abbey, Vol. 11, No. 4, 1902

Whistler, Vol. 11, No. 6, 1902

Socrates, Vol. 14, No. 1, 1904

Auguste Comte, Vol. 14, No. 2, 1904

Aristotle, Vol. 14, No. 3, 1904

Spinoza, Vol. 14, No. 5, 1904

Schopenhauer, Vol. 15, No. 5, 1904

John Stuart Mill and Harriet Taylor, Vol. 18, No. 4, 1906

Balzac and Madame Hanska, Vol. 19, No. 2, 1906

Fenelon and Madame Guyon, Vol. 19, No. 3, 1906

Catalogue of Paintings in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 7th and 8th editions,
1924, 1926

Exposition at the Musée National De Malmaison Souvenir, 1928

National Academy of Design Winter Exhibition 1909

113th Annual Exhibition at the National Academy 1938

Souvenir for Better Homes and Building Exhibition and Flower Show, "Oil
Paintings by G.V. Millett," 1937

Catalog of Works of Art in Northeast High School, 1930

Third Annual Exhibition of the Paint Club, Kansas City, Missouri, 1899

Catalogue of Paintings, Scotten Collection of Chicago on sale at Rompel Art
Galleries, Kansas City, Missouri

Flyer for Exhibition of Paintings in Oil by George Van Millett, 1928

Exhibition of Oil Paintings by G.V Millett at Sarachek Art Galleries, Kansas City,
Missouri, 1929

Exhibition of Oil Paintings by G.V. Millett at Silhouette Studio, 1930

Catalogue Illustré du Salon de of the Société Des Artistes Francais, 1907-1908

Catalogue Illustré du Salon de of the Société Nationale des Beaux-Arts, 1908

The Society of Western Artists Annual Exhibitions, 1910-1914

Official Catalogue of Exhibits Department of Art, Universal Exposition, St.
Louis, 1904

Catalog of Eiserne Hammer, Karl Robert Langeweische, 1936

The Western Gallery of Art Illustrated Catalogues, Kansas City Art Association,

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1897 (4 copies)
Exhibition Oil Paintings by G.V Millett at the Women's City Club, 1942
Museum Catalogs of Paintings from unidentified Museums
The Work of Castle Keith
Various Art exhibits

Box 4

Artists and Art Collections

Books

American Art Annual 1907-1908 edition by Florence N. Levy
Human Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene by Joseph C. Martindale,
M.D., 1881
Art Panels from the Handlooms of the Far Orient, 1905
Katalog Der XXIV, Ausstellung Der Berliner Secession Berlin 1912
Burbank Among the Indians by E.A. Burbank and Ernest Royce, 1944
Special Exhibition Catalogues of the City Art Museum of St. Louis, 1911-1912,
1914
Booklet, *The Conservation of Paintings* translated from the French, 1919
The Copley Prints, Reproductions of Notable Paintings publicly and privately
owned in America, 1907
An Illustrated Catalogue of An Important Collection of Paintings on private view
at the C.W. Kraushaar Art Galleries, 1924
Third Annual Exhibition, American Art from the Days of the Colonists to Now,
Dallas Art Association, 1922
Illustrated Official Catalogue, Depart of Fine Arts, Panama-Pacific International
Exposition, San Francisco, 1915
Book or Catalogue, *E.A. Seemanns Farbige Kunstblätter*
Book, *Facsimiles published by Meissner & Buch*, no date
Exhibition of Original Oil Paintings by G.V. Millett at Findley's Art Gallery,
Kansas City, Missouri, 1901
The Fine Arts Institute of Kansas City, Missouri, exhibition catalogues 1909,
1912
Offizieller Katalog der Internationalen Kunst-Ausstellung des Vereins bildender
Künstler Munchens, 1908
Books published by Galerien Thannhauser
Kurt Kroner, 1928
Henri Matisse, no date
Bulletin of the Gallery of P. Jackson Higgs, Vol. 1, No. 2, 1930
Brochure on Paintings by William R. Leigh, Grand Central Art Galleries, 1941
Book, *The Human Figure* by J. H. Vanderpoel, 1907
"Interesting Catalogue of Fine Books," sale brochure for E. Parsons and Sons
The Kansas City Art Institute, clippings, information, etc. 1929-1932, 1937-1938
Katalog der Grossen Berliner Kunst-Ausstellung, 1908
Katalog der Farbigen Kunstblätter aus der Münchner, Lugend, 1912
Bound volumes, *Little Journeys to the Homes of Eminent Painters* by Elbert
Hubbard, 1899

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Box 5

Miscellaneous Files

- Handbook of Building materials, Foster Lumber Co, Kansas City, Missouri
- United States Navy Department, Bureau of Ships Manuals, 1944
- Selective Service Regulations Vol.2
- Manual and Directory of the Public Schools of Kansas City, Missouri, 1933-1935
- Ledger of G.V. Millett
- The Northeast Courier, Vol. 15, No. 12, 1927
- Battle of Lexington
- United Daughters of the Confederacy, Robert E. Lee Chapter
- G. Wilse Robinson Sanitarium
- “Allerlei” by Peter Hagboldt
- “Hog and Man Psychology” by J. M. Greenwood
- The Weather-Cock Yearbook, Barstow School, 1927
- Legenda 32, Masonry
- Lists of Portraits painted by Millett
- Resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners on the Death of George Edward Kessler, 1923
- Address books
- Personal Notebook, G. V. Millett
- Sketchbook
- War Ration books of various people
- Clippings
- Photographs
 - Family
 - People (2 folders)
 - General
 - Aircraft
- Glass plate Negatives
- Photographs of Paintings
 - G. V. Millett
 - General
- Correspondence, 1900s-1950s

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Panoramic Photograph, Celebrating Col. R. T. Van Horn's 91st Birthday, 1915