

John O'Hara Cosgrave papers, 1930-1970

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Cosgrave, John O'Hara, 1908-1968
Title	John O'Hara Cosgrave papers
Dates	1930-1970 (inclusive) 1930 1968
Quantity	12.5 linear feet, (13 containers)
Collection Number	Ax 718
Summary	John O'Hara Cosgrave II (1908-1968) was an artist and a writer. Although best known for his illustrations of sea vessels, Cosgrave's works are not restricted to the limits of water. The collection includes illustrations, manuscripts, correspondences, acclamations, book dummies and proofs.
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Access Restrictions	Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections & University Archives Reading Room.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

John O'Hara Cosgrave II (October 10, 1908-May 11, 1968) was born in San Francisco. He attended the University of California, and studied for two years in Paris in 1930. Upon the expiration of his term in the army (drafted in 1943), Cosgrave became a graphics designer for the United Nations' founding. Throughout his life, he has always shown a very strong love for the sea, and all things connected; this can be widely seen across his works. Cosgrave died in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

Content Description

The collection contains a wide variety of the artist's works. The contents show an overall process of the work that goes into creating an illustrated book. The sketchbooks, book drafts, and original illustrations are the highlight of this collection.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is organized into the following series:

- Books and Illustrations
- Correspondences, Achievements, and Miscellaneous Papers
- Books and Illustrations II
- Correspondences, Achievements, and Miscellaneous Papers II
- Notes and Illustrations
- Books and Illustrations III
- Correspondences, Achievements, and Miscellaneous Papers III
- Books and Illustrations IV
- Correspondences, Achievements, and Miscellaneous Papers IV
- Books and Illustrations IV

Processing Note

Collection processed by processing staff.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series: Books and Illustrations

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
2	1	Photographs of paintings	1936
2	2	Miscellaneous unidentified illustrations	undated
2	3	Magazine illustrations. Covers and articles	1937-1967
2	4	Matted magazine illustrations	1934
2	5	Annual reports	1947-1950
2	6	Serigraph prints	undated
2	7	<i>American Work Boats</i> . Illustrations	1934
2	8	<i>Clipper Ship</i> . Illustrations	undated
3	1	<i>America Sails the Seas</i> . Illustrations. Ink on illustration board	undated
3	2	Greeting cards	undated
3	3	Greeting cards. Originals	1959
3	4	Sketchbooks. Four	1945-1959
3	5	<i>Fathers of the Industry</i> .	1956
4	1	<i>Clipper Ship</i> . Illustrations. Proof, dummy: watercolor and ink	1956
4	2	<i>Clipper Ship</i> . Sample binding, press proof	1956
4	3	<i>Let the Best Boat Win</i> . Tracings, jacket illustrations, binding stamp, silhouette	undated

Container(s)		Description	Dates
4	4	Sketchbooks. Four	1951
5	1	Research materials. Blueprints, prints, photographs	undated
5	2	Prints by John O'Hara Cosgrave III. Four	undated
5	3	Tissue layouts	undated
5	4	Blueprints	1949
5	5	Photographs. Photographs of prints	undated
5	6	Tracings	undated
5	7	Sketchbooks. Two	undated
5	8	Sailing the Seven Seas. Illustrations	undated

Series: Correspondences, Achievements, and Miscellaneous papers

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	File		
6	1	Outgoing/Incoming	1948-1970

Series: Books and Illustrations II

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	File		
6	2	Watercolor paintings, book jacket illustrations, magazine cover illustrations	undated
6	3	Sketchbooks	1957-1967
6	4	Rough sketches. Pencil, ink, watercolor	undated
6	5	Photographs, photostats, clippings/tear sheets	1940

Series: Correspondences, Achievements, and Miscellaneous Papers II

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	File		
7	1	Miscellaneous incoming correspondence	1959-1962
7	2	Outgoing correspondence	1951-1970
7	3	Speeches, interviews	1963
7	4	Biographical material	1957
7	5	Certificates and awards	1945-1949
7	6	Little Brown & Co	1967
7	7	<i>Old Sturbridge Village</i>	1959-1961
7	8	Atlantic Monthly Press	1967-1970
7	9	Houghton Mifflin	1950-1963

Series: Notes and Illustrations

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	File		
7	10	<i>America Sails the Seas</i> . Holographs, notes, sketches	undated
7	11	<i>America Sails the Seas</i> . Photographs, negatives	undated
7	12	<i>American Work Boats</i>	undated

Series: Books and Illustrations III

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	File		

Container(s)		Description	Dates
7	13	<i>America Sails the Seas</i> . Illustrations. Tracings, acrylic with ink overlays, green/white/black ink	undated
8	1	Book jacket covers	undated
8	2	Acetate overlays	undated
9	1	Book jacket covers. 1	1953
9	2	Book jacket covers. 2	undated
9	3	Book jacket covers. 3	undated
9	4	Book jacket covers. 4	undated
9	5	Book jacket proofs	undated
9	6	Miscellaneous	1950-1966

Series: Correspondences, Achievements, and Miscellaneous Papers III

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	File		
9	7	Incoming correspondence	1936

Series: Books and Illustrations IV

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	File		
10	1	Miscellaneous illustrations. Books, Christmas cards, prints, sketchbook	1913-1963
10	2	Christmas cards. "Christmas setting," "On the open road"	undated
10	3	Christmas cards. "Arrival of packet ship St. Nicholas," "Going to town"	undated

Container(s)		Description	Dates
10	4	Christmas cards. Water color, black ink	undated
11	1	Christmas cards	undated
11	2	Books in collection	1942-1964
11	3	Christmas cards	undated
11	4	Christmas cards	undated
11	5	Christmas cards	undated
11	6	Christmas cards	undated
12	1	Christmas cards	undated
12	2	Work by other artists	1942-1964
12	3	Jacket sketches	undated
12	4	Photostats and ektochrome	1971
12	5	Magazines and catalogues	1946-1954
12	6	Dust jackets	undated
12	7	Dust jacket proofs	undated
12	8	Studies and sketches	undated
12	9	Miscellaneous illustrations. Christmas cards, watercolor, transparencies	undated

Series: Correspondences, Achievements, and Miscellaneous Papers IV

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	File		
12	10	Newspaper clippings	1961

Container(s)		Description	Dates
12	11	Correspondence	1945
13	1	Letters to Mary Cosgrave	1952-1961
13	2	Correspondence, Incoming	1943
13	3	American Heritage Christmas	undated
13	4	Miscellaneous	1942-1956
13	5	Newspaper clippings	1942-1961

Series: Books and Illustrations IV

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	File		
13	6	Sketchbooks. Twenty	1948

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Artists--United States
 Authors, American--20th century
 Children's literature, American--Authorship
 Christmas cards--Specimens
 Illustration of books--United States--20th century
 Illustrators--United States
 Sailing ships in art

Personal Names :

Cosgrave, John O'Hara, 1908-1968
 Cosgrave, John O'Hara, 1908-1968--Correspondence
 Cosgrave, John O'Hara, 1908-1968--Interviews
 Cosgrave, Mary Silva--Correspondence

Form or Genre Terms :

Book illustrations
 Book jackets
 Manuscripts for publication
 Sketchbooks

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