

# Finding Aid for the Betty Grossman Papers

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## **Descriptive Summary**

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Creator: Betty Grossman.

Title: Betty Grossman Papers.

Dates: 1894-1995.

Quantity: 7 cubic feet.

Language: English.

## **Biographical Note**

Dr. Betty Grossman (1914-1996) was a highly admired archaeologist and art historian, a pioneering museum educator, a generous patron of the Arts, and a prolific writer with expertise in subjects ranging from Chinese bronzes to Grecian artifacts to American decorative arts.

Educated at Mary Institute (St. Louis, Missouri) Vassar College (Poughkeepsie, New York), Washington University (St. Louis, Missouri), and the American School of Classical Studies (Athens, Greece), Grossman's career was largely spent at The Saint Louis Art Museum (formerly the City Museum of St. Louis). There, she both administered and hosted numerous educational programs including gallery lectures, workshops, artist demonstrations, radio interviews, and television tours.

At Washington University she was tutored by world-renown archaeologist George Mylonas with whom she and her husband, Edwin (a lawyer and well-known public figure in St. Louis), developed a close friendship that spanned many years. In the 1960's and 70's Grossman and Mylonas worked jointly with the Washington University Archaeological Society in hosting highly publicized cruises to excavation sites in Greece. From the late 1950's onwards, the Grossmans were instrumental in administering the Mylonas Foundation and the Mycenaean Melathron in Greece.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

This collection includes correspondence, publications, scrapbooks, photographs, diaries, and information regarding George Mylonas.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Source of Collection**

This material was donated to the University Archives by Betty Grossman.

### **Accruals**

The accruals are interfiled with collection or by accession at the end of the collection.

### **Processing Information**

Compiled by Jay Kempen in November of 2005.

## **Restrictions**

### **Access Restrictions**

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## **Collection Contents**

### **Series 01: Correspondence and Notes:**

<b>Box No.</b>	<b>Folder</b>
01	American School of Classical Studies (Correspondence, 1959)
	Archaeological Institute of America (St. Louis Society [Correspondence, 1990])
	Birth Certificate, Marriage License, and Funeral Book
	Campbell House Museum (Correspondence, 1994-95)
	Certificates, Awards, Honors, etc. (for Betty and Edwin)
	Correspondence (Personal, Misc., 1949-85)
	Correspondence (Professional, Misc., 1974-89)

CV & Resume (1959-64)

Hygreckos, Helene (Correspondence, 1990)

Lakavodis, Spyros (Correspondence, 1977-79)

Mary Institute (Reunion Class of 1931 & Yearbook)

May, Morton D. (Correspondence, 1972-79)

Mycenaean Melethron (Correspondence, 1969)

Mylonas, George (Archaeological Society of Washington University [Correspondence, 1964-66])

Mylonas, George (Correspondence, 1958-85)

Mylonas, George (CV & Resume)

Mylonas, George (Mementos)

Mylonas, George (Mycenaean Foundation [Correspondence, 1968-84])

Mylonas, George (Newspaper Clippings)

Mylonas, George (Photographs)

Mylonas, George & Lella (Correspondence, 1969-73)

Mylonas, Lella (Correspondence, 1960-89)

Newman, Eric (Correspondence, N.D.)

Panofsky, Erwin (Correspondence, 1956)

Photographs (Archaeological)

Photographs (Personal)

Plato[nic] Symposium (N.D.)

Rathbone, Perry (Correspondence, 1957)

Saint Louis Art Museum (formerly City Art Museum) (Correspondence & Programs, 1957-93)

Scrapbook (Fragmented, 1963-65)

Shahn, Ben (Correspondence, 1969)

Ravenswaay, Charles Van (Correspondence, 1961-85)

Vassar College Art Gallery (Correspondence, 1975-93)

Vassar College (Reunion Class of 1935)

Vassar College (Year Book, 1935)

Washington University (Archaeological Cruises, 1963-69)

Washington University (Archaeological Society  
[Correspondence, Notes, Advertisements, 1963-76])

02 Washington University (Correspondence, 1960-94)

Washington University (Diplomas & Alumni Citation, 1951, 59  
& 72)

Washington University (Mementos)

Washington University (Reunion Class of 1931 [for Edwin  
Grossman])

**Series 02: Publications**

Box No.	Folder
03	"Adoration of the Magi in Italian Painting," N.D.
	"American Silver," 1949.
	"Ancient Vases in the Saint Louis Art Museum," N.D.
	"Apostle of Triptolemos," 1972.
	"Ashbrook Cup by Frederick Kander," 1956.
	"Attic Kalyx Krater by the Marlay Painter," 1968.
	"Cycle of Roman Portraiture," N.D.

"Early Chinese Bronzes by J. Edward Kidder, Jr.," 1958.

"Eighteenth Century English Silver," N.D. (Presentation).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Bound Dissertation).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Draft).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Introduction).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Prehistoric).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Geometric).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Archaic).

04 "Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Transitional).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Classical, 5<sup>th</sup> Century).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Classical, 4<sup>th</sup> Century).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Roman).

05 "Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Roman Reliefs).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Roman Sculpture).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Conclusion).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Bibliography).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Geographical Index).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Coins & Misc.).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Literature).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Photographs).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Reliefs & Misc.).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Sculpture & Misc.).

"Eleusinian Gods and Heroes in Greek Art," 1959  
(Notes, Defense of Dissertation).

"Excavations at Mycanea 1963 & 1964," 1965 (with Mylonas)

"Greek Vase by the Berlin painter," 1960.

"Greek Vase by the Chicago Painter," 1955.

"Greek Vases in the City Art Museum of St. Louis," 1951  
(Master's Thesis).

"Heinrich Schliemann's Letters to Charles Parsons," [1953].

"Museum on the Air," 1948.

"Stix Gift of American Silver," 1949.

"Television in the City Art Museum," 1947.

"Two Italian Paintings," 1944.

"Vassar 'Archaeologist'," 1963.

**Series 03: Scrapbooks**

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- 06            Lowenstein Family Scrapbook (Betty Grossman's Maternal Side [1894-c.1918])
- Edwin Grossman ([1916]-41)
- Edwin Grossman (1950-63)
- Edwin Grossman (1964-69)
- Edwin Grossman (1970-73 & Additional Older Photographs)
- Betty Grossman (1905-34)
- Betty Grossman (1935-41)
- Betty Grossman (1942-47)
- 07            Betty Grossman (1948-51)
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- Betty Grossman (1964-65)
- Betty Grossman (1966-70)
- Betty Grossman (1971-75)

**Series 04: Photographs, Diaries, Law Briefs and Curiosities**

Box No.	Folder
08	Sub-box A (Photographs, Archaeological [Various Dates] & Curiosities [Jewelry, etc.])
	Sub-box B (Photographs, Personal [Various Dates])
	Sub-box C (Photographs, Personal [Various Dates] & Diaries)
	Law Briefs of Edwin Grossman [3 Bound Volumes]