

# AMON CARTER MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART ARCHIVES COLLECTION GUIDE

## Collection Summary

- Title:** Judy McVeigh Cordell Collection of Blanch McVeigh Papers
- Date:** 1932–1968, bulk dates 1940s
- Creator(s):** McVeigh, Blanche (1895–1970)
- Extent:** 1.25 linear feet
- Code:** BMP
- Repository:** Amon Carter Museum of American Art Archives
- Abstract:** The Judy McVeigh Cordell Collection of Blanche McVeigh Papers contains correspondence, prints, exhibition catalogues, and clippings relating to McVeigh's artistic and commercial career.

## Information for Researchers

### Access Restrictions

The collection is open to qualified researchers.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Acquisition and Custody Information**

Gift of Judy McVeigh Cordell, 2009–2011

### **Processed By**

Scott Grant Barker and Jason Dean

## **Biographical Note**

Fort Worth Resident Blanche McVeigh (1895–1970) was one of the premier women printmakers in Fort Worth specializing in aquatint etching. She received her training at the Philadelphia Academy of Fine arts, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the New York Art Students League. She was cofounder of the Fort Worth School of fine Arts with Evaline Sellors and Wade Jolley in 1932 and managed the Art Department of the Collins Art Company of Fort Worth. She and Sellors were also amongst the founding members of the Fort Worth Artists Guild.

McVeigh played a significant role in the Fort Worth art scene for many years through her teaching, connections, and commercial work. She taught or worked with many members of the “Fort Worth Circle,” the city’s avant–garde art community in the 1940s and 1950s. She exhibited extensively in regional and national artist exhibitions and competitions.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Judy McVeigh Cordell Collection of Blanche McVeigh Papers contain correspondence, original prints, exhibition catalogues, newspaper and magazine clippings dating from 1932 to 1968 (bulk dates 40s). The papers offer a unique insight on an innovator in print making and the vibrant life of Fort Worth artists. The papers also contain notable examples of McVeigh’s most lucrative commission for the Northern Pump Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The papers, which came to the museum courtesy of Scott Grant Barker, were organized by region. Each region has been further arranged in chronological order where possible, unless otherwise noted.

*Professional:* This series primarily consists of information on exhibitions of her work at regional salons. It includes correspondence, checklists, and exhibition catalogues. It also includes records of McVeigh’s work for John B. Hawley, Jr., owner of the Northern Pump Company. This commission was her most lucrative and allowed her to acquire the large Sturges press that made her innovative large scale prints possible.

*Prints*: A small selection of original prints from the Northern Pump Company Commission. It was followed by the Renegotiation Series which Hawley commissioned for use in his battle with Congress over war production compensation.

### **Series I. Professional**

**Scope and Content Note:** This series primarily consists of exhibitions correspondence and catalogues for regional salons where McVeigh's work was shown. Also included are a scrapbook of exhibition related clippings and a notebook that lists which prints were shown at which exhibition.

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Box 3: S. E. Ledger, n.d.

Box 3: Scrapbook, n.d.

## **Series II. Prints**

**Scope and Content Note:** This series contains six prints from the original Northern Pump Company Commission and its subsequent Renegotiation Series. These prints represent both proof and finished states and include manuscript notations.

Box 3, Folder 1: Northern Pump Company Commission and Renegotiation Series Prints 1941–1943

Map Case: Northern Pump Company Plant, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1941.