Finding Aid to the Clement Hurd Drawings 1955, 1958 BASC 11

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Title: Clement Hurd Drawings
Date: 1955, 1958
Identifier/Call Number: BASC 11
Creator: Hurd, Clement, 1908-1988
Physical Description: 1 flat file, 1 oversize flat box (2 linear feet)
Contributing Institution: Book Arts & Special Collections
Abstract: The collection contains original artwork by Clement Hurd for the children's books The Cat from Telegraph Hill and The Faraway Christmas: A Story of the Farallon Islands, both written by his wife Edith Thacher Hurd and published in the 1950's.
Collection is stored on site.
Language of Materials: Collection materials are in English.
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[Identification of item/Title of folder], Clement Hurd Drawings (BASC 11), Book Arts & Special Collections, San Francisco Public Library.
Provenance
Transferred from the San Francisco Public Library's Children's Department in or after 1993.
Related Materials
Researchers are encouraged to see also the Clement Hurd papers and the Edith Thacher Hurd papers at the University of Minnesota Archives.
Biographical Note
Clement Hurd was born January 12, 1908 in New York City, the son of a mortgage banker. He graduated with a PhD from Yale University in 1930 and later studied painting in Paris with the artist Ferdinand Leger from 1931 to 1933. He illustrated his first children's book in 1938, Bumble Bugs and Elephants by Margaret Wise Brown. The following year, he won the assignment to illustrate Gertrude Stein's first and only children's book The World is Round. The same year he married children's author Edith Thacher with whom he collaborated on more than fifty books. Their son Thacher Hurd also became an author and illustrator of children's books and all three worked on Little Dog Dreaming, published in 1967. Throughout his long and prolific career, Clement Hurd illustrated over seventy-five children's books, including the classics The Runaway Bunny and Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown. He died in 1988 in San Francisco.
Scope and Content
The collection contains the artboards of original illustrations for The Cat from Telegraph Hill (1955) and a book of sketches as well as an artboard for The Faraway Christmas: A Story of the Farallon Islands (1958).
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Cats -- Fiction
Christmas -- Fiction
Farallon Islands (Calif.) -- Fiction
Illustrated children's books
Illustration of books -- Juvenile literature
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