Nellie E. Johns sketch book

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Nellie E. Johns sketch book
Dates: 1898-1899
Collection Number: SFH 236
Creator/Collector: Johns, Nellie E., d. 1952.
Extent: 1 folder
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Abstract: Sketch book kept by a student of the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art, San Francisco.
Language of Material: English
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Acquisition Information
Biography/Administrative History
Nellie E. Johns was born in California and attended classes at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art in San Francisco 1898-1899. The San Francisco School Board granted her a special freehand drawing, wood carving and clay modeling certificate of the high school grade in 1903, and after the earthquake and fire of 1906, she was teaching at Hamilton Evening School in San Francisco. In 1920 she was working as a wood carver. She died in San Francisco in 1952.
Scope and Content of Collection
Folder includes cloth-bound sketchbook, gold stamped on cover 'Miss Nellie Johns,' with 36 pages of pencil drawings, portraits and full figures, some including Chinese subjects. A few of the sketches have identifications or notations, and one is written in Chinese.
Indexing Terms
Art students—California—San Francisco.
Women artists
Drawing, American—19th century.
Costume—United States—History—19th century.
Johns, Nellie E., d. 1952—Notebooks, sketchbooks, etc.
Mark Hopkins Institute of Art (San Francisco, Calif.)
Chinatown (San Francisco, Calif.)—In art.