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THE DELLFANT - ROSS CORRESPONDENCE

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HISTORY OF THE PAPERS

This collection consists primarily of the letters between Alfred Ross and Max Dellfant from 1919 to 1943. The material was kept by Ross after Delfant's death and was given to the New Haven Colony Historical Society by the executors of Ross's estate in 2000. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

INTRODUCTION

Max Dellfant was born in 1867 in Stuttgart, Germany. He served at sea from the age of 15 to 24. He came to the United States in 1889 and studied art. He was a resident of New Haven and a member of the New Haven Paint and Clay Club. His studio was at one time in a loft of the Manusfield Oyster Company and his residence was on Quinnipiac Avenue in Fair Haven.

Interested researchers are encouraged to look at the catalog of an exhibition of Dellfant's work at the New Haven Colony Historical Society in 1975. A copy can be found in this manuscript collection and one is also cataloged on the library shelves with the following call number: ND237.D35M2.

Alfred Ross met Dellfant when Ross was employed at a bookstore in New Haven. He developed a lifelong interest in and friendship with Dellfant. In box 2 of this collection will be found typescripts of Ross's biography of Dellfant which was never published. A photocopy of this biography has been cataloged in the library with the following call number : N6530.C8D35

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<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Correspondence from Max Dellfant to Albert Ross</u>	
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	Miscellaneous letters and notes
<u>Miscellaneous Material</u>	
1/F	Material concerning the Max Dellfant exhibition at the New Haven Colony Historical Society, 2 June - 28 September 1975
1/G	Photographs of Max Dellfant
1/H	Pen and ink sketches by Max Dellfant
1/I	Obituary of Max Dellfant Notes by Alfred Ross for biography of Max Dellfant Correspondence to and from Alfred Ross concerning the biography Miscellaneous newspaper clippings <i>Address Book, Alfred Ross</i>
1/J	Notes by Alfred Ross for biography of Max Dellfant
2	One box containing several copies of the Ross biography of Dellfant, <u>Max Dellfant: Poetic Painter of Sea.</u>

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New Haven Register article entitled “A quiet eye on yesterday’s harbor,” by Robert J. Leeney.
Saturday, February 26, 2005.

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