

# Dreyer, Wallace

Wallace Dreyer Papers  
1907-1993, undated



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**Abstract**

Wallace Dreyer, an artist, was an adjunct assistant professor and director of the photography program from 1966-1980. The collection contains professional as well as personal photographs, a sketchbook, professional and personal correspondence, a high school year book, newspaper clippings, newspaper advertisements for his art gallery business, certificates pertaining to his elementary school education and x-ray technician certification, x-ray technician employment, and his capture of enemy photographic equipment that he was allowed to keep.

**Creator**

Dreyer, Wallace (1923-1995)

**Extent**

4.30 Linear Feet

**Extent**

9 Hollinger document cases boxes

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## Biographical or Historical Information

Wallace Earl Dreyer was born March 5, 1923 and raised in Marlin, Texas, where he participated in the photography club at his high school. Dreyer's parents were Bruno G. Dreyer (1898-1975) and Louise Bertha Hoting Dreyer (1902-1971), who married in 1921 in Giddings, Texas. Dreyer had two siblings, a brother, James Lee Dreyer (1926-1932) and a half-sister, Virginia Hoting (b. 1924), who was his father's illegitimate daughter from an affair with Bertha Hoting Dreyer's sister. Dreyer attended the University of Texas and graduated in 1943, and also served in the Armed Forces Infantry from 1941 to 1942. During his military service, Dreyer fought in the Battle of Bastogne in Europe during World War II and also participated in the liberation of camps in Germany. He obtained his x-ray technician certification at Torbett Clinic and Hospital in 1951. In 1960, while he was an Associate Professor at Student Memorial Union at Texas A&M College, he married Evelyn Gay Turner (b. July 31, 1915), a teacher at Baylor University, who was a fellow artist. The Dreyers moved to New York, where they operated an art gallery and sold their paintings. Dreyer was a contemporary photographer as well as a painter; he favored discarded items as his subjects. His wife was a sculptor as well as a painter. Both taught in the Art Department of Old Dominion University beginning in 1966. Wallace was an adjunct assistant professor and director of the photography program. Evelyn Gay was an Assistant Professor of Art. Both retired in 1980. Wallace Dreyer died in Norfolk, Virginia on March 13, 1993 and his wife, Evelyn Gay Dreyer died in Waco, Texas on February 26, 1995.

Note written by Kay Creef

## Scope and Contents

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS

The collection contains professional as well as personal photographs and correspondence, newspapers clippings, certificates, and material related to Wallace Dreyer's work as an x-ray technician.

## Keywords

Old Dominion University--Faculty  
World War, 1939-1945--Veterans  
Photographers--United States  
Artists--United States  
Old Dominion University. Department of Art  
Dreyer, Wallace (1923-1995)

## Arrangement Note

The collection is organized into four series: Series I: Professional; Series II: Personal; Series III: Certificates, Awards and Yearbooks; and Series IV: Miscellaneous.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I: Professional

**Unit ID** Series I

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38531

**Unit Date** 1907-1993, undated

#### Scope and Contents

This series relates to the professional achievements and correspondence of Wallace Dreyer. Items in this series include his professional photographs, letters from art galleries in which he had his work exhibited, newspaper articles on awards received, and sketchbooks.

### Sub-Series A: Correspondence, Agreements and Notes

**Unit ID** Sub-Series A

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38534

**Unit Date** 1951-1993

#### Scope and Contents

This sub-series includes letters from art galleries and members of the arts community, loan agreements, and undated notes on a planned "Art in the Family" exhibit.

### Box 1

**Unit ID** Box 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38535

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

### Folder 1: Inventory/Price Lists

**Unit ID** Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38537

**Unit Date** 1962, 1964

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 1, Inventory/Price Lists, 1962, 1964, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 2: Letters, Notes and Plans****Unit ID** Folder 2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38544**Unit Date** 1961-1993**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 2, Letters, Notes and Plans, 1961-1993, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 3: Pamphlets/Programs****Unit ID** Folder 3**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38545**Unit Date** 1951-1993**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 3, Pamphlets/Programs, 1951-1993, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Sub-Series B: Media****Unit ID** Sub-Series B**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38543**Unit Date** 1960-1990**Scope and Contents**

This sub-series includes newspaper articles on Dreyer's work, his achievements, awards and marriage announcement as well as a 1990 broadcast of WHRO's "Our Place, Our Time."

**Box 1****Unit ID** Box 1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38557**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Folder 4: Newspaper Articles****Unit ID** Folder 4**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38558**Unit Date** 1960-1984**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 4, Newspaper Articles, 1960-1984, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 5: WHRO Broadcast of "Our Place, Our Time"****Unit ID** Folder 5**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38559**Unit Date** 1990**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 5, WHRO Broadcast of "Our Place, Our Time", 1990, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Sub-Series C: Photographs**

**Unit ID** Sub-Series C

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38547

**Unit Date** 1907-1992, undated

**Scope and Contents**

This sub-series includes professional photographs that Dreyer took and are categorized by subject. Other photographs include his ancestors and family.

**Box 1**

**Unit ID** Box 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38554

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Folder 6: Animals**

**Unit ID** Folder 6

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38555

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 6, Animals, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 7: Buildings/Houses**

**Unit ID** Folder 7

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38556

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 7, Buildings/Houses, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Box 2**

**Unit ID** Box 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38562

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Folder 1: Contemporary I**

**Unit ID** Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38567

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 1, Contemporary I, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 2: Contemporary II****Unit ID** Folder 2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38573**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 2, Contemporary II, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 3: Dreyer With His Drawings****Unit ID** Folder 3**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38575**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 3, Dreyer With His Drawings, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Box 3****Unit ID** Box 3**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38563**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Folder 1: Nature****Unit ID** Folder 1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38564**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 3, Folder 1, Nature, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 2: Objects****Unit ID** Folder 2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38572**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 3, Folder 2, Objects, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Box 4****Unit ID** Box 4**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38569**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)

**Folder 1: People****Unit ID** Folder 1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38570**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 4, Folder 1, People, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 2: Photographs of the Drawing Process****Unit ID** Folder 2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38571**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 4, Folder 2, Photographs of the Drawing Process, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Box 5****Unit ID** Box 5**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38574**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Folder 1: Photographs of Wife and Family****Unit ID** Folder 1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38576**Unit Date** 1907-1992**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 5, Folder 1, Photographs of Wife and Family, 1907-1992, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 2: Places****Unit ID** Folder 2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38581**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 5, Folder 2, Places, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Box 6****Unit ID** Box 6**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38577**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)

**Folder 1: Prints****Unit ID** Folder 1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38578**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 6, Folder 1, Prints, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 2: Sculptures****Unit ID** Folder 2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38579**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 6, Folder 2, Sculptures, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 3: Water****Unit ID** Folder 3**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38580**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 6, Folder 3, Water, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Box 10****Unit ID** Box 10**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/83892**Mixed Materials** 10 (Oversize Box)**Wallace Dreyer Slides****Unit ID** Item 1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/83893**Unit Date** circa 1960-1990**Graphic Materials** 10 (Oversize Box)**Preferred Citation**

Wallace Dreyer Slides, circa 1960-1990, Box 10, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Preferred Citation**

Contains color slides of architecture, construction workers, art work, and some scenes of Kaufman Mall at Old Dominion University.

**Sub-Series D: Sketchbooks and Other Works****Unit ID** Sub-Series D**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38548**Unit Date** 1959-1980, undated**Scope and Contents**

This sub-series includes five sketchbooks, two undated pieces of Dreyer's work that are not photographs

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## **Box 7**

**Unit ID** Box 7

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38549

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

### **Folder 1: Drawing and Mold Art**

**Unit ID** Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38550

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 7, Folder 1, Drawing and Mold Art, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

### **Folder 2: Mold Art**

**Unit ID** Folder 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38551

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 7, Folder 2, Mold Art, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

### **Folder 3: Sketchbooks**

**Unit ID** Folder 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38560

**Unit Date** 1959-1980

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 7, Folder 3, Sketchbooks, 1959-1980, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

### **Folder 4: X-Rays and Negatives**

**Unit ID** Folder 4

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38561

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 7, Folder 4, X-Rays and Negatives, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

## **Series II: Personal**

**Unit ID** Series II

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38532

**Unit Date** 1962-1992

**Scope and Contents**

This series relates to the personal life of Wallace Dreyer. Items in this series include correspondence, holiday cards, sympathy cards, and an obituary.

## **Box 6**

**Unit ID** Box 6

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/83889

**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)

### **Folder 4: Wallace Dreyer Photos**

**Unit ID** Folder 4

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/83890

**Unit Date** circa 1950-1990

**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 6, Folder 4, Wallace Dreyer Photos, circa 1950-1990, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

### **Folder 5: Biographical Information**

**Unit ID** Folder 5

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/83891

**Unit Date** 1993, undated

**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 6, Folder 5, Biographical Information, 1993, undated, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

## **Box 7**

**Unit ID** Box 7

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38533

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

### **Folder 5: Contacts**

**Unit ID** Folder 5

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38536

**Unit Date** 1962-1981

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 7, Folder 5, Contacts, 1962-1981, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

### **Folder 6: Letters, Cards and Notes**

**Unit ID** Folder 6

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38542

**Unit Date** 1962-1992

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 7, Folder 6, Letters, Cards and Notes, 1962-1992, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

## **Oversize Box 11**

**Unit ID** Oversize Box 11

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/83894

**Mixed Materials** 11 (Oversize Box)

### **Wallace Dreyer Personal Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** Item 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/83895

**Unit Date** circa 1940-1960

**Graphic Materials** 11 (Oversize Box)

#### **Preferred Citation**

Wallace Dreyer Personal Scrapbook, circa 1940-1960, Oversize Box 11, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes photographs of recreation, weddings, and other subjects of daily life.

## **Series III: Certificates, Awards and Yearbook**

**Unit ID** Series III

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38538

**Unit Date** 1928-1961

### **Scope and Contents**

This series includes various certificates of family members, as well as items pertaining to Dreyer's education, military and career fields.

## **Box 8**

**Unit ID** Box 8

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38539

**Mixed Materials** 8 (box)

### **Folder 1: Certificates and Awards**

**Unit ID** Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38540

**Unit Date** 1928-1961

**Mixed Materials** 8 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 8, Folder 1, Certificates and Awards, 1928-1961, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

### **Folder 2: Marlin High School Yearbook**

**Unit ID** Folder 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38541

**Unit Date** 1940

**Mixed Materials** 8 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 8, Folder 2, Marlin High School Yearbook, 1940, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**University of Texas Yearbook of Wallace Dreyer**

**Unit ID** Item 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/83896

**Unit Date** 1947

**Mixed Materials** 8 (box)

**Preferred Citation**

University of Texas Yearbook of Wallace Dreyer, Box 8, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Series IV: Miscellaneous**

**Unit ID** Series IV

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38546

**Unit Date** 1985-1986, undated

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains letters and examples of Dreyer's mold art.

**Box 8**

**Unit ID** Box 8

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38552

**Mixed Materials** 8 (box)

**Folder 3: Letters From Senators to Harold C. Bullard, Life Insurance Company**

**Unit ID** Folder 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38553

**Unit Date** 1985-1986

**Mixed Materials** 8 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 8, Folder 3, Letters From Senators to Harold C. Bullard, Life Insurance Company, 1985-1986, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Oversize Box 9**

**Unit ID** Oversize Box 9

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38565

**Mixed Materials** 9 (Oversize Box)

**Oversized Mold Art: Drawing**

**Unit ID** Item 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38566

**Unit Date** undated

**Realia** 9 (Oversize Box)

**Preferred Citation**

Oversized Mold Art: Drawing, undated, Oversize Box 9, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Oversized Mold Art: Picture**

**Unit ID** Item 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/38568

**Unit Date** undated

**Realia** 9 (Oversize Box)

**Preferred Citation**

Oversized Mold Art: Picture, undated, Oversize Box 9, Wallace Dreyer Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.