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Guide to the Al Stewart Collection MS 067

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Summary Information

Repository:	Western Connecticut State University Archives and Special Collections
Creator:	Stewart, Albert C., 1919-2016
Title:	Al Stewart Collection
ID:	MS 067
Date [inclusive]:	1960s-2016
Physical Description:	12 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Al Stewart was a businessman and physicist who joined the faculty in the School of Business at WestConn in 1987 after a long career mostly at Union Carbide. The collection includes personal papers, objects, art and miscellanea from Stewart's estate.

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Biographical / Historical

Albert C. Stewart was born on November 25, 1919. Stewart received his B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of Chicago in 1942. He was drafted into the U.S. Navy in 1945 and was among a select group of African American sea men trained as officers. Following his tour of duty, Stewart returned to the United States and enrolled at the University of Chicago. In 1948, he received his M.S. degree in chemistry; and, in 1949, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant into the U.S. Navy. Stewart earned his Ph.D. degree in chemistry from St. Louis University in 1951.

From 1949 to 1963, Stewart held teaching appointments at St. Louis University, Knoxville College, and John Carroll University where he taught chemistry and physics. In 1951, Stewart began his at the Union Carbide Corporation as a senior chemist in the nuclear division. In 1960, Stewart became the assistant director of research and held several leadership positions until his retirement in 1984.

After his retirement from Union Carbide Stewart began teaching at Western Connecticut University, where he also served as the associate dean in the Ancell School of Business. In 1999, Stewart became Professor Emeritus at Western Connecticut State University.

In 1966, Stewart received the University of Chicago Alumni Citation Award. Stewart was a member of a number of professional and academic societies, and has also served as an advisor, consultant and on the Board of Directors of several organizations, including U.S. Department of Commerce, NASA, and the Urban League, respectively.

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Scope and Contents

The Stewart Collection consists of materials from his personal and professional life. The bulk of the collection contains art that Stewart had collected over the years that had been displayed in his home. It appears that most of that art was collected from Mexico around 1960.

The Stewart collection also contains some personal materials, such as awards and certificates, mostly from the 1970s through the 1990s.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged into two series, art and personal effects.

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Related Materials

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The WCSU Miscellanea collection also includes Al Stewart materials.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Western Connecticut State University - History
- Universities and colleges -- Faculty.
- Art, African.
- Art, Mexican--20th century.
- African Americans
- Stewart, Albert C., 1919-2016

Collection Inventory

Art

Title/Description	Instances
Vertical Sense (Sentido Vertical), Herbert Hofmann-Ysenbourg, circa 1960 Digital Object: Vertical Sense (Sentido Vertical): circa 1960	item 001
Harmony (Armonia), Herbert Hofmann-Ysenbourg, circa 1960 Digital Object: Harmony (Armonia): circa 1960	item 002
Two Figures (Dos Figuras), Herbert Hofmann-Ysenbourg, circa 1960 Digital Object: Two Figures (Dos Figuras): circa 1960	item 003
Duality (Dualidad), Herbert Hofmann-Ysenbourg, circa 1960 Digital Object: Duality (Dualidad): circa 1960	item 004
No Longer Indifferent (Sin Indiferencia), Herbert Hofmann-Ysenbourg, circa 1960 Digital Object: No Longer Indifferent (Sin Indiferencia): circa 1960	item 005
Vision Of Companions (Vision de Compañeros), Herbert Hofmann-Ysenbourg, circa 1960 Digital Object: Vision Of Companions (Vision de Compañeros): circa 1960	item 006
Red Rocks and People (Gente y Rocas Rojas), Herbert Hofmann-Ysenbourg, circa 1960 Digital Object: Red Rocks and People (Gente y Rocas Rojas): circa 1960	item 007
Harlequin, Herbert Hofmann-Ysenbourg, circa 1960 Digital Object: Harlequin: circa 1960	item 008
Angel, Herbert Hofmann-Ysenbourg, circa 1960 Digital Object: Angel: circa 1960	item 009
Virtuous Woman (Mujer Virtuosa), Herbert Hofmann-Ysenbourg, circa 1960 Digital Object: Virtuous Woman (Mujer Virtuosa): circa 1960	item 010
Street Steps St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 1958, 1958	item 011

Digital Object: Street Steps St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 1958: 1958		
Fecundidad, 1956 Digital Object: Fecundidad: 1956	item 012	
Christiansted, St. Croix, 1965 Digital Object: Christiansted, St. Croix: 1965	item 013	
[Seated Figure], 1960 Digital Object: [Seated Figure]: 1960?	item 014	
[Bride], 1959 Digital Object: [Bride]: 1959	item 015	
Mallorca, circa 1960 Digital Object: Mallorca: 1960s	item 016	
[Multicolor Abstract], undated Digital Object: [Multicolor Abstract]: undated	item 017	
A lasting friendship, by Joseph Raskob, 1961 Digital Object: A lasting friendship	item 018	
4 African wood face carvings, undated Digital Object: African carved wooden heads/masks **General** 2 are by Kouadio	item 019-022	
African bronze jewelry and bell (4 pieces), undated	item 023-026	
Chez Maxime, undated Digital Object: Chez "Maxim," menu cover	box 1	item 027

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Personal effects

Title/Description	Instances	
Portraits, 1960-1975 Digital Object: Albert C. Stewart portrait **General** 1 black and white; one color of Colleen and Al.	box 1	folder 1
Awards and Certificates, 1970-1999	box 1	folder 2-3

General

Bowery Bank, WCSU, etc.

Oral history interview, 2009	box 1	folder 4
Books, 1976-2008 **General** Harlem Youth and Living Legends in Black	box 1	folder 5
Patent, 1966 **General** Patent for an electric cell, # 3255045	box 1	folder 6
Souvenir postcards and stamps, 1990s **General** Buffalo soldier stamp and portrait; Met postcards of Horace Pippin works.	box 1	folder 7
Misc. Keepsakes, undated **General** Union Carbide paperweight, Buddha in a box, ball bearing and watercolor painting by Colleen Stewart.	box 1	item 1-4
Frederick Douglass bust, undated	item 5.1	

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