Uncatalogued Archive Collections

Tate Archive aims make all its collections searchable through our online catalogue. In 2007 we embarked on a major new cataloguing project which will open the entire Archive for research, through cataloguing and selective digitisation of original content.

Since 2010 over 75% of archive collections are now catalogued with more than 5,000 images available via Archive Online www.tate.org.uk/research/researchservices/archive/archiveonline.shtm.

The record you are looking at is for a collection which has not yet been catalogued, which means that we do not have a detailed list from which you can call up specific items or groups of items.

We regret that we do not normally give access to uncatalogued Archive collections. This is because:

a) we need to know in detail what we are making available to researchers
   • to ensure its security
   • so that we do not unwittingly give access to personal data in breach of the Data Protection Act

b) we need to preserve the informational value of the original order of the papers

We appreciate the needs of researchers and we do consider requests to make available specific items from uncatalogued collections. We can do this if the material is reasonably easy to locate and the quantity is small enough for us to be able to check through before issuing. Although we cannot guarantee to be able to make any material available, we consider each request carefully.

If you would like to see material in an uncatalogued collection, please write to the Archivist at the address below, giving as much information as possible about the subject of your research and the material you are interested in, allowing at least four weeks’ notice.

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