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Special Collection 07 (SC-07) Lillian Thomas Pratt Personal Papers, 1932-1947

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Provenance

This collection was transferred over time to the VMFA Library in the 2000s by museum staff members Dr. David Park Curry, Curator of the Fabergé collection, David Bradley, Foundation Director, and Richard Woodward, Deputy Director for Architecture and Design. The estate tax information was given to Woodward from the Honorable John D. Butzner, Jr. The entire collection was accessioned into the VMFA Archives' collection in February 2011.

Abstract

The collection documents the formation of the Lillian Thomas Pratt Collection of Fabergé decorative artworks at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Bequeathed to the museum upon her death in 1947, Pratt's Fabergé collection consistently remains one of the highlights of the museum's permanent collection. Pratt purchased most of her Fabergé collection from the Schaffer Collection and Hammer Galleries, both of New York City, in the 1930s and 1940s. Comprised of correspondence, invoices, price tags, and item descriptions, this collection illuminates Pratt's mind as a collector, as well as her relationship with one of her dealers, Alexander Schaffer.

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions on the use of the collection. For permission to publish materials from the collection, please contact the VMFA Archives.

Processing Note

A large number of publications (almost entirely sales and exhibition catalogs) were interfiled into this collection over the years. None of the publications indicated that they were actually Pratt's personal copies, and almost all had been stamped by the VMFA Library or other departments. Therefore, all of the publications were removed and added to the VMFA Library's holdings during processing. A complete list of these publications is available from the Archivist.

Biographical Note

Two months after Lillian Thomas Pratt's death in June 1947, her stunning and expansive collection of Fabergé artworks were unexpectedly bequeathed to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Thought to have been born in 1876 in Philadelphia, details of Pratt's life still remain sketchy and limited. By 1900, she was working as a stenographer at the Puget Sound Flouring Mill, and in 1917, married her second husband, John Lee Pratt, a self-made millionaire engineer and businessman with General Motors. By 1931, they had settled at Chatham Manor in John's native Virginia, and Pratt spent over a decade amassing a collection of over 500 items, eighty percent of which is Russian decorative art, mainly Fabergé.

Pratt began collecting while accompanying her husband on business trips to New York City, shopping in her spare time, and possibly becoming enchanted with the Hammer Galleries' "Russian Imperial Exhibit" at Lord & Taylor in the early 1930s. While the total amount she spent during that time is unknown, she spent \$100,000 alone at New York City's Schaffer Collection. She simultaneously purchased items, including four of her five imperial Easter eggs, from the Hammer Galleries. Her collection includes not only the finest imperial eggs, but also miniature eggs, jewelry, framed photographs, boxes, handles, flowers, and animal figures, among many other types of objects. Whatever her collecting may have been (besides simply furnishing her new home), her fascination with Russian royalty was enduring, and has been shared with museum visitors for over 60 years.

(The above information was taken from "Fabergé: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts," David Park Curry, 1995.)

Scope and Content Note

The collection's inclusive dates are 1932-1947, with the bulk of the material dating from 1933-1945. The collection is comprised of correspondence, invoices, price tags, item descriptions, exhibition labels, estate tax information and inventories, and newspaper clippings.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into four series, and items are generally arranged chronologically within each series. Price tags are arranged numerically by item number. Items with no date are placed at the end at each series:

- Series 1:** Schaffer Collection, 1934-1947, n.d.
Series 2: Hammer Galleries, 1933-1945, n.d.
Series 3: Estate, 1947, n.d.
Series 4: Clippings, 1932-1937, n.d.

Controlled Access Points

Pratt, Lillian Thomas, b. 1876?
Lillian Thomas Pratt Collection
Fabergé, Peter Carl, 1846-1920
Fabergé (Firm)
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Schaffer, Alexander
Schaffer, Ray
Schaffer Collection
Hammer Galleries
Crown jewels – Russia (Federation) – Art collections
Jewelry – Russia (Federation) – Art collections
Easter eggs – Russia (Federation) – Art collections
Goldwork – Russia (Federation) – Art collections
Art objects – Russia (Federation) – Art collections

Related Materials

See further information in the VMFA Library:

- Catalogs:** Imperial Russian Easter Eggs Presented by Tsar Nikolai II, 1940; Handbook of the Lillian Thomas Pratt Collection: Russian Imperial Jewels, 1960; Fabergé: A Catalog of the Lillian Thomas Pratt Collection of Russian Imperial Jewels, 1976; Fabergé: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, 1995; Russian Imperial Treasures: Collection of Lillian T. Pratt, n.d.
- Video:** Lillian Thomas Pratt's Fabergé: Shopping, Collecting, Remembering, 1996
- Exhibition Files:** Selections from the Lillian Thomas Pratt Collection of Jewels, 1947; 12th Anniversary Exhibition: The Pratt Collection of Jewelry, 1948; Imperial Russian Easter Eggs, 1950; Imperial Russian Easter Eggs, 1951; Fabergé in America and the Lillian Thomas Pratt Collection of Fabergé, 1996
- Subject Files:** VMFA Donors: Pratt, John Lee and Lillian Thomas

See related archival records in the following institutions:

Library of Virginia: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Director's Correspondence, 1936-1976 (Coll. No. 33863 and 44067)

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS / ITEM LISTS

Series 1: Schaffer Collection, 1934-1947, n.d.
Box 1 (6 Folders)

This series is comprised of correspondence, invoices, price tags, and item descriptions that detail the purchases Pratt made from the Schaffer collection in the 1930s and 1940s. Correspondence between Alexander S. Schaffer, his wife Ray Schaffer, and Pratt discuss sales, payments, display cabinets, books and articles he sent to Pratt about Russian history, war, and family matters. The invoices are often annotated with check numbers as balances were paid off, and dates given often refer to the handwritten notes on the invoice detailing payment history. Similarly, price tags were often annotated with price reductions or alterations in the item's description. Item descriptions are extremely detailed, and include the item number and often the date purchased. While only roughly half of the Schaffer descriptions are dated, they could easily be cross-referenced with the dates on the invoices to find when a particular item was purchased. Finally, most of the item descriptions were annotated by museum staff at some point with VMFA accession numbers.

The series is divided into five subseries:

Series 1.1: Alexander Schaffer Correspondence, 1934-1947

Series 1.2: Ray Schaffer Correspondence, 1938-1947

Series 1.3: Invoices, 1934-1945, n.d.

Series 1.4: Price Tags, n.d.

Series 1.5: Item Descriptions, 1934-1937, n.d.

Series 1.1: Alexander Schaffer Correspondence, 1934-1947

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
1	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1934, 14 Apr.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1935, 1 July
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1935, 19 Nov.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1936, 7 Oct.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1936, 10 Oct.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1936, 27 Oct.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1936, 2 June
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1936, 8 June
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1936, 3 Aug.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1936, 14 Aug.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1936, 21 Nov.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1936, 11 Dec.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1937, 11 June
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1937, 17 June
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1937, 21 June
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1937, 1 July
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1937, 6 Aug.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1937, 10 Aug.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1937, 1 Sep.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1937, 7 Oct.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1937, 11 Oct.
	A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1937, 29 Dec.

A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1938, 15 Apr.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1938, 25 Apr.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1938, 2 May
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1938, 11 May
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1938, 3 June
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1938, 1 July
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1938, 1 Aug.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1938, 12 Aug.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1938, 4 Oct.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1938, 2 Nov.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 3 Apr.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 21 Apr.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 6 May
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 29 May
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 2 June
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 19 June
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 30 June
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 1 Aug.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 1 Sep.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 20 Oct. (encl.)
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 31 Oct.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 18 Dec.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1939, 29 Dec.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1940, 1 Apr.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1940, 1 May
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1940, 3 Sep.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1940, 4 Nov.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1940, 11 Dec.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 31 Mar.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 1 May
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 3 June
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 18 June
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 23 June
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 3 July
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 4 Aug.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 3 Sep.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 2 Oct.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 1 Nov.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 13 Nov. (encl.)
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 8 Dec.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 8 Dec.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 14 Dec.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 15 Dec.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1941, 30 Dec.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1942, 21 Jan.

A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1944, 23 Oct.
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1946, 4 June
A. Schaffer to Pratt, 1947, 6 May
Original envelopes

Series 1.2: Ray Schaffer Correspondence, 1938-1947

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
2	R. Schaffer to Pratt, 1938, 19 Nov. R. Schaffer to Pratt, 1942, 3 Feb. R. Schaffer to Pratt, 1942, 10 Apr. R. Schaffer to Pratt, 1942, 24 Apr. R. Schaffer to Pratt, 1942, 3 June R. Schaffer to Pratt, 1942, 5 July R. Schaffer to Pratt, 1945, 2 Nov. Pratt to R. Schaffer, 1945, 4 Dec. R. Schaffer to Pratt, 1945, 7 Dec. R. Schaffer to Pratt, 1947, 13 Mar.

Series 1.3: Invoices, 1934-1945, n.d.

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
3	73/44, 38, 23, 1934, 1 Mar. 70, D2, 1934, 2 Apr. 86, 5, 36, 1934, 4 June 461-463, 558, 181, 150, 309, 1934, 4 Dec. 572, AS26, 438, 504, 571, 760, 774, 780, 598, 417, 419-432, 435-437, 445, 447, 449-450, 458-459, 639, 673, 676, 779, 779A, 1935, 1 June 110, 904-905, 907-909, 911, 901, 893, 888, 912, 894, 1017, 1041, 1049, 1935, 1 Nov. 1006, 972, 1043, 1176, 1936, 2 Mar. 1088, 1097, 37, 991, 1306, 982, 987, 478, 482, 1166, 1035, 537, 476, 804, 1189, 1291, 986, 1936, 1 May 533, 1317, 535, 1167, 1936, 3 July 533, 1317, 535, 1167 Duplicate, 1936, 3 July 1359, 1936, 10 Dec. 1101, 539, 997, 509, 989, 481, 536, 480, 665, 538, 477, 479, 75, 1350, 1315, 1075, 1078, 1073, 1317, 1937, 1 Feb.-1 Oct. 1597, 1537, 1562, 1575, 1578, 182, 1589, 1549, 1464, 1546, 1937, 1 June G.3, G.5, G.8, G.13-14, G.16, 1556, 1573, 1576, 1580, 1661, 1736-1737, 2237-2238, 1937, 18 Aug. 1479, 1524, 1543, 1735, 2247, 2278, 2281, 1939, 1 Apr.-1 June "Vulture, frame, frame, egg, parrot," handwritten list with prices on Hotel McAlpin stationary, Rock crystal handle, 1939, 16 June G.22, 1509, 1568, 1591, 2136, 2243, 1934, 1956, 1939, 30 June-1 Sep.

1182-1183, 778, 906, 1343, 1367, 1345, 1364, 1939, 2 Oct.-1 Nov.
 798, 1205, 1939, 1 Nov.-28 Dec.
 One cabinet, complete, including packing and shipping, 1939, 26 Dec.
 2299, 2340, 2419, 1939, 28 Dec.-1940, 1 Feb.
 2322-2323, 2326, 1940, 1 Feb.-1 Mar.
 2353, L-14, Gold stand, 1940, 1 Apr.
 2496-2498, 2325, 1940, 1 Mar.-1 June
 2453, 2421, 1569, 1546, 1940, 1 June-1 Aug.
 1022, 2279, G.25, 1749, 2297, 2300, 1940, 3 Sep.-1941, 1 Feb.
 2691-2692, 1941, 1 Feb.
 2445, 2454-2457, 2460-2461, 2464-2465, 2470, 2472, 2467-2468, 2474, 1941, 1
 Mar.-2 June
 2445, 2454-2457, 2460-2461, 2464-2465, 2470, 2472, 2467-2468, 2474 Duplicate,
 1941, 1 Mar.-2 June
 Gold bracelet, lapis and gold necklace, turquoise necklace with credit attachments,
 1941, 6 Mar.
 2821, 1941, 24 June
 2524, 93, 1941, 1 July-29 Dec.
 1326, 1942, 2 Feb.-1944, 1 Dec.
 1326 Duplicate, 1942, 2 Feb.-1944, 1 Dec.
 1763, 2723, JZ.1-4, 1944, 30 Dec.-1945, 31 Jan.
 2786, 1945, 31 Jan.-2 Apr.
 2722, 2859, 2882, 2868, 2869, 2870, 1945, Apr. 2-1 June
 2568, 2680, 1044, 2657, 1945, 1 June-1 Sep.
 2675, 2525, 2651, 1578, Ruby ring, 1945, 1 Sep.-8 Nov.
 92
 93
 1085, 980, 1167
 2373
 2512
 2881
 "Handles," handwritten list with prices
 Original envelopes
 4 Copies of select invoices

Series 1.4: Price Tags, n.d.

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
Binder	D2
	G.3
	G.5
	G.8
	G.13
	G.14
	G.16

5
 23
 36
 38
 70
 73/44
 75.WM
 86
 93
 477
 479
 480
 481
 509
 534
 536
 538
 539
 665
 989
 997
 1073
 1075
 1078
 1101
 1315
 1350
 1556
 1573
 1576
 1580
 1591
 1661
 1736
 1737
 2237
 2238
 "Miniature gold and platinum charm in the form of a bulldog..."
 "The inscription is as follows..."
 5 Original envelope

Series 1.5: Item Descriptions, 1934-1937, n.d.

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
6	73/44, 1934, 1 Mar.

D2, 1934, 2 Apr.
70, 1934, 2 Apr.
150, 1934, 3 Dec.
1006, 1936, 1 Feb.
539, 1936, 28 July
75, 1936, 1 Dec.
1464, 1937, 19 Mar.
1537, 1937, 19 Mar.
1578, 1937, 19 Mar.
1546, 1937, 19 Mar.
1509, 1937, 1 Oct.
JZ-1, 2, 3, 4
598
1291
1524
2122
2247
2299
2300
2353
2376
2498
2524
2525
2568
2675
2881

Series 2: Hammer Galleries, 1933-1945, n.d.

Box 1 (6 Folders)

This series is comprised of invoices, price tags, item descriptions, and exhibition labels that trace the purchases Pratt made from the Hammer Galleries in the 1930s and 1940s. The Lord & Taylor invoices are undated, but the item numbers match up with Hammer Galleries price tags, and the Galleries did present and sell their collection at Lord & Taylor in the early 1930s (probably 1934 based upon letterhead from the item descriptions). Price tags were often annotated with price reductions or alterations in the item's description. Item descriptions are extremely detailed, and include the item number and the date purchased (all but one are dated). A note in Pratt's hand written on the item description for item number 5253 (purchased June 16, 1933) says "Given to H.R.H. Princess Margaret of England May 1939." Most of the item descriptions were annotated by museum staff at some point with VMFA accession numbers. Finally, the few exhibition labels came from the "Russian Imperial Exhibit," presented at the Hammer Galleries. Four are still mounted on the original gold colored panels.

The series is divided into four subseries:

Series 2.1: Lord and Taylor Invoices, n.d.

Series 2.2: Price Tags, n.d.

Series 2.3: Item Descriptions, 1933-1945, n.d.

Series 2.4: Exhibition Labels, n.d.

Series 2.1: Lord and Taylor Invoices, n.d.

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
7	Ikou 5277-5279, 5282-5283, 27 Jan. Ikou 5280-5281, 5284, 5286, 27 Jan. 5277-5279, 5282, 5284, 1 Feb. 5280-5281, 5283, 5286, 1 Feb. Icon D1000, Icon 4580, 17 Feb. Cope 1896, Ikou 5232, 23 Feb.

Series 2.2: Price Tags, n.d.

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
Binder	A104 A105 D-1000 E-43 H-3825 H-4098 4108 X-4110 4122-C 4404 4580 (2 tags attached together) 4809 4809 5054 5253 5253 5259 5358 5523 5524 5524 5846 X-6101 X-6787 X-6794 10685-B Multiple item invoice written on tag

Series 2.3: Item Descriptions, 1933-1945, n.d.

The division in foldering represents changes in the Hammer Galleries letterhead over time.

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
8	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", X 4110, 1933, 25 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", F 99 D, 1933, 25 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", F 99 C, 1933, 25 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", H 4098, 1933, 26 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 5054, 1933, 26 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 5358, 1933, 26 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", H 4108, 1933, 26 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", X 6101, 1933, 27 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 4830, 1933, 27 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 4809, 1933, 27 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 10685-B, 1933, 1 Feb.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 5253, 1933, 2 Feb.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 5259, 1933, 14 Feb.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", D 1000, 1933, 17 Feb.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 4580, 1933, 17 Feb.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 5253, 1933, 16 June
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 3550, 1933, 2 Oct.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 3623, 1933, 2 Oct.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", F43, 1933, 2 Oct.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", X 6154, 1933, 2 Oct.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 4404, 1933, 2 Oct.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", X 5153, 1933, 2 Oct.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", X 5096, 1933, 2 Oct.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", X 6396, 1933, 2 Oct.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 6025, 1933, 31 Oct.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", E-1000, 1933, 31 Oct.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 6787, 1933, 4 Dec.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", X 6707, 1933, 4 Dec.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", X 6794, 1933, 4 Dec.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 4763, 1934, 4 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 5528, 1934, 4 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 6136, 1934, 4 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 4765, 1934, 4 Jan.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 6111, 1934, 1 Feb.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 6019, 1934, 1 Feb.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 6148, 1934, 1 Feb.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 5421, 1934, 26 Mar.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 5538, 1934, 26 Mar.
	"Russian Imperial Exhibit", 4122 C, 1934, 3 May
9	"Russian Imperial Treasures", E-313, 1935, 31 Jan.

"Russian Imperial Treasures", A-104, 1935, 31 Jan.
"Russian Imperial Treasures", 5547, 1935, 21 June
"Russian Imperial Treasures", 5401, 1935, 21 June
"Russian Imperial Treasures", 5687, 1935, 21 June
"Russian Imperial Treasures", A-62, 1935, 21 June
"Russian Imperial Treasures", 5570, 1936, 6 Mar.
"Russian Imperial Treasures", Easter Egg, 1936, Easter
"Russian Imperial Treasures", AS-1312, 1936, May
"Russian Imperial Treasures", E-327, 1936, May
"Russian Imperial Treasures", E-451, 1936, 17 Aug.
"Russian Imperial Treasures", A68
"Russian Imperial Treasures", A105
"Russian Imperial Treasures", H3825
"Russian Imperial Treasures", 5523-5524
"Russian Imperial Treasures", 5846
10 GT-1530/3, 1936, 9 Nov.
GT-1530/2, 1936, 9 Nov.
E-762/80, 1936, 9 Nov.
4776, 1936, 12 Nov.
E-43, 1936, 12 Nov.
IP-1553/2, 1937, 29 Jan.
ME-1249, 1937, 8 Feb.
5571, 1937, 11 May
JJ-5050/2, 1937, 2 Oct.
AV-5008/1, 1937, 2 Oct.
RB-5210/37, 1937, Dec.
RH-1815, 1937, 9 Dec.
E-517/4, 1937, Christmas
IP-1843/4, 1938, 8 Jan.
RH-5214/4, 1938, 27 Jan.
A-61, 1938, 27 Jan.
E-754, 1938, 27 Jan.
RH-5214/3, 1938, 27 Jan.
RH-5214/1, 1938, 82 Jan.
RH-5214/47, 1938, 1 Feb.
RH-5214/41, 1938, 1 Feb.
RH-5214/46, 1938, 1 Feb.
RH-5214/39, 1938, 1 Feb.
RH-5214/45, 1938, 1 Feb.
RH-5214/38, 1938, 1 Feb.
RH-5214/33, 1938, 1 Feb.
RH-5214/32, 1938, 1 Feb.
RH-5214/44, 1938, 1 Feb.
RH-5214/9, 1938, 1 Feb.
RH-5214/13, 1938, 2 Feb.

RH-5209/26, 1938, 15 Apr.
RH-5380-13, 1939, 9 Jan.
RH-5380/2, 1939, 31 Jan.
RH-5408/10, 1939, 31 Jan.
VD-5399/16, 1939, 4 Feb.
RH-5408/17, 1939, 4 Feb.
RH-5416/29, 1939, 17 Feb.
CA-5364/2, 1939, 17 Feb.
RH-5380/3, 1939, 17 Feb.
RH-5332/7, 1939, 17 Feb.
RH-5389/2, 1939, 17 Feb.
RH-5416/28, 1939, 20 Feb.
RH-5380/16, 1939, 23 Feb.
RH-5380/11, 1939, 24 Feb.
RH-5413/4, 1939, 24 Feb.
RH-5408/5, 1939, 24 Feb.
RH-5380/14, 1939, 24 Feb.
RH-5408/12, 1939, 24 Feb.
RH-5408/11, 1939, 24 Feb.
RH-5413/3, 1939, 24 Feb.
RH-5380/10, 1939, 24 Feb.
VD-5399/5, 1939, 2 Mar.
VD-5399/4, 1939, 2 Mar.
RH-5408/16, 1939, 3 Mar.
RH-845/1, 1939, 15 Mar.
3531, 1939, 17 Mar.
RH-5454/3, 1939, 19 Apr.
5448, 1939, 19 Apr.
RH-1842/12, 1939, 19 Apr.
5449, 1939, 19 Apr.
RH-1842/8, 1939, 19 Apr.
RH-5409/25, 1939, 1 June
Rooster, 1939, 25 Sep.
Jade Coupe, 1939, 25 Sep.
Bear Charm, 1939, 2 Oct.
Bear Charm, 1939, 2 Oct.
Vase, 1939, 2 Oct.
Easter Egg Charm, 1939, 2 Oct.
Easter Egg Charm, 1939, 2 Oct.
Easter Egg Charm, 1939, 2 Oct.
Easter Egg Charm, 1939, 2 Oct.
Easter Egg Charm, 1939, 2 Oct.
Easter Egg Charm, 1939, 2 Oct.
Silver Vase, 1939, 4 Dec.
Ink Well, 1939, 4 Dec.

Locket, 1939, 6 Dec.
Parasol Handle, 1939, 6 Dec.
Parasol Handle, 1939, 6 Dec.
Bulldog, 1939, 6 Dec.
5450-6, 1940, 5 Jan.
5625-11, 1940, 5 Jan.
E23, 1940, 5 Jan.
5550-1, 1940, 5 Jan.
RH1698-100, 1940, 9 Jan.
5509, 1940, 9 Jan.
RH5380-6, 1940, 9 Jan.
RH5380-2, 1940, 9 Jan.
RH5380-9, 1940, 9 Jan.
RH5413-2, 1940, 9 Jan.
RH5408-14, 1940, 9 Jan.
5478-5, 1940, 10 Jan.
5625-3, 1940, 24 Jan.
5450-17, 1940, 31 Jan.
RH-5332-17, 1940, 6 Feb.
5324
11 5756-19, 1940, 4 Dec.
5903-4, 1940, 4 Dec.
5903-3, 1940, 4 Dec.
5777-8, 1940, 4 Dec.
5839-12, 1940, 4 Dec.
5839-9, 1940, 4 Dec.
5840-6, 1940, 4 Dec.
5808-1, 1940, 4 Dec.
5756-18, 1940, 4 Dec.
5791-10, 1940, 4 Dec.
5903-1, 1940, 4 Dec.
5903-5, 1940, 4 Dec.
5903-6, 1940, 4 Dec.
6201-1, 1940, 4 Dec.
5870-3, 1940, 4 Dec.
1189-8, 1941, Jan.
505-6, 1941, Feb.
Miniature in Frame, 1941, 26 Feb.
Florentine Renaissance Bust, 1945, Jan.
5454
Easter Eggs
Imperial Russian Easter Egg "1896"
Index of Pratt Collection items purchased at Hammer Galleries with VMFA accession numbers, listed chronologically

Series 2.4: Exhibition Labels, n.d.

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
12	"Heart-shaped box..."
	"Silver teapot..."
	"Photograph of the daughters..."
	"Linen handkerchief..."
	"Solid gold column..."
	"Silver plaque..."
	"Icon delicately painted..."

Series 3: Estate, 1947, n.d.

Box 2 (3 Folders)

This series is comprised of information about Pratt's estate after her death on July 21, 1947. The estate tax return outlines the extent of her entire estate, including the varied philanthropic bequests and funds she had arranged. Detailed inventories of the estate list her belongings by category. One of the paintings lists was annotated by a local appraiser, Virginia Clarke Taylor, denoting which paintings were "antiques" or not. Finally, there are many price tags from other non-Faberge purchases she made over the years. Most are from the New York department store B. Altman & Company, and detail her acquisitions of silver, lamps, fabric, vases, paintings, and other decorative items.

The series is divided into three subseries:

Series 3.1: Tax Information, 1947

Series 3.2: Inventory, 1947, n.d.

Series 3.3: Other Furnishings, n.d.

Series 3.1: Tax Information, 1947

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
13	United States Estate Tax Return, 1947, 21 July
	Memorandum of Articles Bequeathed to VMFA (5 copies), 1947, 20 Aug.
	Envelopes

Series 3.2: Inventory, 1947, n.d.

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
14	Inventory M1-M85, [Books and Miscellaneous]
	Inventory P1-P131, [Paintings]
	Inventory P1-P136, Paintings (Antique)
	Inventory P3-P139, Paintings (Not Antique)
	Inventory P1-P139, [Paintings Annotated by Virginia Clarke Taylor], 1947, 6 Sep.
	Inventory F1-F256, Furniture (Antique)
	Inventory F4-F257, Furniture (Not Antique)

Inventory F1-F257, [Furniture (All)]
Inventory F84-F257, [Furniture (All)]
Inventory S1-S111, [Silver]
Inventory S50-S104, [Silver], 6 copies
Inventory J1-J188, [Jewelry]
Inventory J159-172, [Jewelry], 6 copies
Inventory Estate, [8 Miscellaneous Items], 4 copies

Series 3.3: Other Furnishings, n.d.

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
Binder	B. Altman Price Tags, 54 tags Miller & Rhoads Price Tag, 1 tag Lord & Taylor Price Tag, 1 tag J. E. Caldwell Price Tag, 1 tag J. Parker & E. Wakelin Price Tag, 1 tag McCutcheon's Upholstery Department Price Tag, 1 tag Unknown Price Tags, 20 tags
15	S. & G. Gump item description

Series 4: Clippings, 1932-1937, n.d.

Box 2 (1 Folder)

This series is comprised of the few clippings that were found in the collection. As none of these particular clippings were mentioned in the correspondence directly, it's possible that they did not originally belong to Pratt. The photographic copies of some of the articles were obviously made much later, but were retained as they may have been copies of articles Pratt once kept.

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Title</i>
16	"Royal Russian Treasures," Richmond News Leader (2 copies), 1932, 20 Apr. "Czarist Treasures to be seen in the Lobby of the Jefferson Hotel," Richmond Times-Dispatch (2 copies), 1932, 24 Apr. "Romanoff Gems, Art Shown Here," Aaron Marc Stein, New York Evening Post, 1933, 3 Jan. "Grand Duchess Victoria Dead," United Press, New York Herald Tribune, 1936, 3 Mar. [Image of beverage urn], New York Sun, 1937, 16 Oct. "Faberger Royal Craftsman," Ethel Walton Everett, Source unknown