

# Rubery Bennett works of art ca. 1920-1980

**Accession number** 6091

**Date** ca. 1920-1980

**Author / Creator**

**Bennett, Rubery, 1893-1987**

**Abstract** Collection of paintings, drawings, photographs and ephemera of Rubery Bennett. Artist's "plein air" painting case of Rubery Bennett.

**Scope and content** 14 unframed black and white and colour photographs

**Description** 5 boxes

**Administrative / Biographical history** In 1947, Bennett sold out his first one-man exhibition of fifty oil paintings at the Sedon Galleries in Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. The 'Age' critic described Rubery as: "...a gifted and sensitive painter...who specialises in the depiction of Nature in her softest moods." He had a second sell-out exhibition at the Sedon Galleries in 1952. This exhibition included thirty of his Central Australian landscapes. In 1954 two paintings commissioned by QANTAS for Queen Elizabeth II were presented to her. A third, commissioned by the Governor of New South Wales, was also presented to the Queen.

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## Series 1: Sketches (1950-1970)

**Series number** 1

**Series title** Sketches

**Date** 1950-1970

**Scope and content**

250 loose leaf drawings and over 700 drawings contained in 36 sketch books

**Author / Creator**

Rubery Bennett

Description

**Description** 38 sketch books 3 volumes (sketches) 2 envelopes

**Locate** OMOSBOX Boxes 15381 and 15379 O/S

## Series 2: Paintings (1950-1970)

**Series number** 2

**Series title** Paintings

**Date** 1950-1970

**Scope and content**

Collection of 22 small watercolour paintings, 6 monoprints for Christmas cards and one small oil painting.

**Author / Creator**

Rubery Bennett

Description

**Description** 22 paintings 6 monoprints

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 15380 O/S

## Series 3: Photographs (1930-1960?)

**Series number** 3

**Series title** Photographs

**Date** 1930-1960?

### Scope and content

Seven original black and white photographs and two colour photographs. Photographs are mostly of Rubery Bennett, other artists with Rubery Bennett, and two of his wife Vi Bennett. There are also five reprints with three of these being duplicates from the original photographs.

#### Description

**Description** 14 photographs

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 15381 O/S

## Series 4: Objects (1930-1970?)

**Series number** 4

**Series title** Objects

**Date** 1930-1970?

### Scope and content

An artist's "Plein Aire" oil painting case designed and used extensively by Rubery Bennett. The case is constructed of mahogany and plywood and contains storage for six wet oil paintings on card, a mixing palette, assorted paints, and painting and palette knives. One satchel, a raincoat and Rubery Bennett's British passport.

### Author / Creator

Rubery Bennett

#### Description

**Description** 1 satchel 1 artist's box 1 raincoat 1 passport

**Locate** OMOSBOX Boxes 15378 and 13135 O/S

## Series 5: Ephemera (1947-1975?)

**Series number** 5

**Series title** Ephemera

**Date** 1947-1975?

**Scope and content**

Collection of Rubery Bennett art exhibition catalogues, 2 bookplates created for Rubery Bennet by A. Henry Fullwood.

Description

**Description** 1 envelope

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 15381 O/S