Douglas A. Gibson Waterfowl Decoy collection

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Creators: Gibson, Douglas A.
Date: 1993-2018
Location: Row, Bay A, Shelf 4-6
Extent: 9 linear feet
Language: N/A

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Scope and Content:
The Douglas A. Gibson collection contains 10 hand-carved and painted waterfowl decoys created by Mr. Gibson. They are a Bald Pate Widgeon, Canada Goose, Canvas Back Drake, Carolina Wood Duck, Green Wing Teal Drake and Hen, Mallard Drake and Hen, Scaup Blue-bill, and a Shoveler.

Biographical History:
Mr. Gibson ’50 holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts from Delaware State College and a Master of Science in School Administration from the University of Delaware. He taught Architectural Design at Delaware Technical & Community College for 21 years. He is known for his design of the Delaware Agricultural Museum and several churches in Delaware and Maryland.

Mr. Gibson has practiced his artform for more than 30 years and has received recognition at the Canadian Art Exposition. He has additionally been showcased at the Eastern Waterfowl Festival and the Ward Brothers Foundations’ Best in the World Competition, both of which are "by invitation only" events. In 2004, he was invited to be the Delaware representative for waterfowl carving at the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival in Washington, D.C.

Arrangement: The waterfowl decoys are boxed alphabetically by their breed names. The exception is the Bald Pate Widgeon which was moved to box 3 for reasons of fit.
Box and Folder Listing:

Box 1:

Canada Goose, 2016

Box 2:

Canvas Back Drake, 2008

Box 3:

Bald Pate Widgeon, 2004

Carolina Wood Duck, 2014
Box 4:
- Green Wing Teal Drake, 2008
- Green Wing Teal Hen, 2013

Box 5:
- Mallard Drake, 2018
- Mallard Hen, n.d.

Box 6:
- Scaup Blue-bill, 2001
- Shoveler, 1993