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Oral history interview with
Charlotte Aiken and Helen Wool

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Charlotte Aiken and Helen Wool
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Charlotte Aiken was an accountant and Helen Wool was Roy Stryker's secretary in the Farm Security Administration; both are from Washington, D.C. Stryker was director of the FSA photographic survey of rural and urban America during the depression.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Charlotte Aiken and Helen Wool conducted 1964 April 17, by Richard Doud, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Both women discuss working for the Farm Security Administration under Roy Stryker.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hrs., 27 min.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Documentary photography
- Women arts administrators

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- Interviews
- Sound recordings

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- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
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- United States. Farm Security Administration. Historical Section. Photographs

Occupations:

- Arts administrators -- Washington (D.C.)