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Oral history interview with Dewey Albinson

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview 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

Dewey Albinson (1898-1971) was an art administrator and painter from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Dewey Albinson conducted 1965 October 27, by Virginia Nagle, for the Archives of American Art. Albinson describes his position as supervisor of Projects for the Minnesota State Department of Education. He speaks of the Minneapolis Handicraft Project; crafts by American Indians; artists and communism in New York City; Federal Art Project murals in St. Paul, Minnesota; and his relationship with Frances Densmore, Floyd Dell, Roland Mousseau, Will Norman, Bennett Swanson, Forbes Watson, Charles Wells, and others.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hrs., 34 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art and state -- Minnesota
- Arts administrators -- Minnesota -- Interviews
- Decorative arts
- Federal aid to the arts
- Handicraft

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Dell, Floyd, 1887-1969
- Densmore, Frances, 1867-1957
- Federal Art Project (Minn.)
- Mousseau, Ronald
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
- Norman, Will
- Swanson, Ben (Bennet)
- Watson, Forbes, 1880-1960
- Wells, Charles, d. 1944