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Oral history interview with Sonia Allen

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview was conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's Mark Rothko and his Times oral history project, with funding provided by the Mark Rothko Foundation.

Acquisition Information

Others interviewed on the project (by various interviewers) include: Sally Avery, Ben-Zion, Bernard Braddon, Ernest Briggs, Rhys Caparn, Elaine de Kooning, Herbert Ferber, Esther Gottlieb, Juliette Hays, Sidney Janis, Buffie Johnson, Jacob Kainen, Louis Kaufman, Jack Kufeld, Katharine Kuh, Stanley Kunitz, Joseph Liss, Dorothy Miller, Betty Parsons, Wallace Putnam, Rebecca Reis, Maurice Roth, Sidney Schectman, Aaron Siskind, Joseph Solman, Hedda Sterne, Jack Tworokov, Esteban Vicente and Ed Weinstein.

Available Formats

Transcript available on line.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Sonia Allen (1890-1985) was Mark Rothko's sister and she was from Portland, Oregon.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Sonia Allen conducted 1984 September 15, by Ruth Howard Cloudman, for the Archives of American Art's Mark Rothko and His Times oral history project.

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Sonia Allen, Mark Rothko's sister, answers questions about family history, the family's life in Russia, and their move to the U.S.A. She was 94 years old at the time of the interview and didn't elaborate her answers to any great degree.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound cassette. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav file. Duration is 31 minutes.

Names and Subject Terms

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

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Mark Rothko and His Times Oral History Project

Rothko, Mark, 1903-1970