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Oral history interview with Lawrence Anderson

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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This interview is part of the Archives of American Art Oral History Program, started in 1958 to document the history of the visual arts in the United States, primarily through interviews with artists, historians, dealers, and critics.

Available Formats

Transcript available on line

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Lawrence B. Anderson (1906-1994) was an architect and educator from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Lawrence Anderson conducted 1992 January 30-March 30, by Robert F. Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Anderson speaks about: his childhood in rural Minnesota, youth in Minneapolis, education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's School of Architecture and Planning, and at L'Ecole des Beaux-Arts, Paris; his studies, teachers and fellow students; teaching at the University of Virginia and MIT; colleagues and students at MIT; partnership with Herbert Beckwith and buildings by their firm; Alvar Aalto, Deans William Emerson, William Wurster and Pietro Belluschi; projects on which he has served as an architectural advisor; and competitions he has juried.

General

Originally recorded on 9 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 17 digital wav files. Duration is 12 hrs., 43 minutes.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Architects -- Massachusetts -- Cambridge -- Interviews
Architecture, American
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Names:

Aalto, Alvar, 1898-1976
Beckwith, Herbert
Belluschi, Pietro, 1899-1994
Ecole nationale supérieure des beaux-arts (France)
Emerson, William Ralph, 1833-1917
Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dept. of Architecture
Massachusetts Institute of Technology. School of Architecture and Planning
Wurster, William Wilson