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Oral history interview with Roland Balay

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Roland Balay
Date:	1981 November 19-December 7
Identifier:	AAA.balay81
Creator:	Balay, Roland, 1902-2004 (Interviewee) Little, Nancy C. (Interviewer)
Extent:	24 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Roland Balay, 1981 November 19-December 7, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are 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, critics and others.

Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 3196 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Transcript: Patrons must use microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Roland Balay (1902-2004) was art dealer from New York, New York.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Roland Balay conducted 1981 November 19-December 7, by Nancy C. Little, for the Archives of American Art.

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Balay speaks of his grandfather's founding of M. Knoedler and Company, the gallery's history, his dealings with artists exhibited by the gallery, and his opinions of various collectors.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 28 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art -- Collectors and collecting

Types of Materials:

Interviews

Sound recordings

Names:

M. Knoedler & Co.

Occupations:

Art dealers -- New York (State) -- New York