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Oral history interview with Frederic Stewart Bartlett

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Collection Overview

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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.

Available Formats

Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Restrictions

This interview is open for research. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Frederic (Fred) Stewart Bartlett (1905-1988) was a museum director in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Fred S. (Frederic Stewart) Bartlett conducted 1964 November 11, by Sylvia Loomis for the Archives of American Art.

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Bartlett speaks of his early life in Colorado; his early museum experience at the Denver Art Museum; the art centers started under the New Deal; unnoticed artists of America; the art of the banal; contemporary problems in museums. He recalls Donald Bear, Gladys Caldwell, Frank Mechau and Holger Cahill.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 15 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Federal aid to the arts
- Museum directors -- Colorado -- Colorado Springs -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Bear, Donald, 1905-1952
- Cahill, Holger, 1887-1960
- Caldwell, Gladys
- Mechau, Frank, 1904-1946
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project