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Oral history interview with John I. H. Baur

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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These interviews are part of the Archives' 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.

Biographical / Historical

John I. H. Baur (1909-1987) was a museum curator from New York, New York.

Scope and Contents

An interview of John I. H. Baur conducted 1970 January 22-February 19, by Paul Cummings, for the Archives of American Art.

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Baur speaks of his education, his work at the Brooklyn Museum, WNYC radio programs, art dealers in the 1940s, museum acquisitions and his research on William Sidney Mount, John Quidor and Theodore Robinson. He discusses exhibitions and scholarship, joining the staff of the Whitney Museum of American Art, the organization of the Friends of the Whitney, art critics, Whitney Annuals, and the "Black Emergency Cultural Coalition." Baur recalls Edith Halpert, Samson Lane Faison, Jr., Henri Focillon, Lloyd Goodrich, Roy R. Neuberger, Theodore Sizer and others.

General

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Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Museum curators -- New York -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews

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Black Emergency Cultural Coalition

Faison, S. Lane (Samson Lane), 1907-2006

Focillon, Henri, 1881-1943

Goodrich, Lloyd, 1897-1987

Halpert, Edith Gregor, 1900-1970

Neuberger, Roy R.

Sizer, Theodore, 1892-1967

Whitney Museum of American Art

Functions:

Art museums -- New York (State) -- New York