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Oral history interview with Ward Bennett

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
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Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Ward Bennett, 1973 February 13, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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, critics and administrators.

Biographical / Historical

Ward Bennett (1917-2003) was an interior, furniture, and textile designer, and sculptor from New York, New York. Bennett is credited as the originator of the high-tech interior style, conversation pit, sunken living room, and U-shaped sofa.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Ward Bennett, conducted 1973 February 13, by Paul Cummings, for the Archives of American Art.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hr., 6 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Designers -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews

Occupations:

Furniture designers -- New York (State) -- New York