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## Oral history interview with Scott Burton

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## Collection Overview

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<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Scott Burton
<b>Date:</b>	1987 May 22-September 25
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<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Scott Burton, 1987 May 22-September 25, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

These interviews are part of the Archives of American Art Oral History Program, started in 1959 to document the history of the visual arts in the United States, primarily through interviews with artists, historians, dealers, critics and others.

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## Biographical / Historical

Scott Burton (1939-1989) was a sculptor from New York, New York.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Scott Burton conducted 1987 May 22-September 25, by Lewis Kachur, for the Archives of American Art.

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Burton speaks of his upbringing in Alabama and Washington, D.C.; working for "Art News"; and his early work, including performance pieces. He discusses furniture, public projects, Brancusi, Joseph Epstein, and Eric Gill. He recalls Morris Louis and Leon Berkowitz.

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## General

Originally recorded on 3 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 5 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 22 min.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Art, American  
Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

### Names:

Berkowitz, Leon, 1919-1987  
Louis, Morris, 1912-1962