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Interview with Edith Carson

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Interview with Edith Carson
Date:	1976 Oct. 19
Identifier:	AAA.carsedit
Creator:	Carson, Edith (Interviewee) Hopps, Walter (Interviewer)
Extent:	2 Items (sound cassettes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Transferred from the National Museum of American Art, 1985.

Restrictions

Use requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Edith (Sachar) Carson (1912-1981) was a jewelry designer, painter, and sculptor. She married the painter Mark Rothko in 1932; they divorced in 1945. She married George Carson in 1951.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Edith Carson conducted 1968 Jan. 10 by Walter Hopps regarding her husband Mark Rothko. Carson speaks of her family background; meeting Mark Rothko at Lake George, New York in 1932; their 13 year marriage; their early friends; his admiration for Milton Avery; Rothko's interest in tragedy and his "tremendous emotional capacity for despair"; his visits to New York museums and 57th Street galleries; and his family background, early work and love of music.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Abstract expressionism
Women artists
Women painters
Women sculptors

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Rothko, Mark, 1903-1970

Occupations:

Jewelers -- New York (State) -- New York
Painters -- New York (State) -- New York
Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York