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Oral history interview with Ina Sizer Cassidy

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives of American Art |
| Title: | Oral history interview with Ina Sizer Cassidy |
| Identifier: | AAA.cassid64 |
| Date: | 1964 February 13 |
| Creator: | Cassidy, Ina Sizer, 1869-1965 (Interviewee) Loomis, Sylvia Glidden (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project |
| Extent: | 23 Pages (Transcript) |
| Language: | English . |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview 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: 35mm microfilm reel 3418 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Transcript: Patrons must use microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Ina Sizer Cassidy (1869-1965) was a painter and writer in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Ina Sizer Cassidy conducted by Sylvia Loomis on 1964 February 13 for the Archives of American Art.

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Cassidy speaks of her husband Gerald Cassidy, including his background and education; the arts community in Santa Fe in the 1920s; Cassidy's first involvement in the Public Works of Art Project making murals for a federal building in Santa Fe; his death from carbon monoxide poisoning; and his feelings about the PWAP

and about government support for the arts. She speaks of her own painting career and her work as head of the WPA Writers Project in New Mexico.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav file. Duration is 1 hr.

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
- Mural painting and decoration
- Women artists
- Women authors
- Women muralists
- Women painters

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Cassidy, Gerald, 1879-1934
- Federal Art Project (N.M.)
- Federal Writers' Project (N.M.)
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
- Public Works of Art Project

Occupations:

- Authors -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe
- Muralists -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe
- Painters -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe