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Oral history interview with Josephine Marie Caruso
Castano relating to Giovanni (John) Castano

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Josephine Marie Caruso Castano relating to Giovanni (John) Castano
Date:	1991 May 17
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are 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.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Josephine Marie Caruso Castano is the widow of painter and art dealer Giovanni (John) Castano.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Josephine Marie Caruso Castano regarding her husband, painter and art dealer Giovanni (John) Castano, conducted by Robert Brown for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Castano discusses her childhood and marriage to Giovanni (John) Castano; his career in Cincinnati as a scene painter for the local opera company; moving to Boston circa 1930; his career there as an art dealer,

owner of Castano Galleries, and an agent for Wildenstein and Knoedler's; his work as a teacher and painting restorer; the sculptor Franz Denghausen; and passing references to various painters, museum personnel, and art dealers.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape cassette. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav file. Duration is 41 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art -- Conservation and restoration
Painting, Modern -- 20th century

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Castano Galleries (Boston, Mass.)
Castano, Giovanni, 1896-1978
Denhausen, Franz H., 1911-

Occupations:

Art dealers -- Massachusetts -- Boston
Painters -- Massachusetts -- Boston