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Oral history interview with Dorothy Cravath

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Dorothy Cravath
<b>Date:</b>	1964 May 13-27
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.cravat64
<b>Creator:</b>	Cravath, Dorothy, 1901-1974 Martin, Minette (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
<b>Extent:</b>	11 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Dorothy Cravath, 1964 May 13-27, Transcript</a>

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## 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 available on line.

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Dorothy Cravath (1901-1974) was a mural painter in San Francisco, California.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Dorothy Cravath conducted 1964 May 13 - 27, by Minette Martin for the Archives of American Art.

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Interview conducted at the home of Leota Molten in Berkeley, California. Cravath speaks of her youth and art education at the California School of Fine Arts; painting murals for the Federal Art Project; and restoring the murals at Coit Tower. She recalls Diego Rivera and discusses his influence on muralists.

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## General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav file. Duration is 55 min.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Coit Memorial Tower (San Francisco, Calif.)
- Federal aid to the arts
- Mural painting and decoration
- Women artists
- Women painters

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
- Rivera, Diego, 1886-1957
- University of California, San Francisco. School of Fine Arts

### Occupations:

- Muralists -- California -- San Francisco