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Oral history interview with Miriam Hapgood DeWitt

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Miriam Hapgood DeWitt
Date:	1987-1988
Identifier:	AAA.dewitt87
Creator:	DeWitt, Miriam Hapgood, 1906-1990 (Interviewee) Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer)
Extent:	6 Items (sound files (3 hr., 46 min); digital, wav file) 67 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Digital Content: Oral history interview with Miriam Hapgood DeWitt, 1987-1988, Transcript Audio: Oral history interview with Miriam Hapgood DeWitt, 1987-1988, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is 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.

Available Formats

Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Biographical / Historical

Miriam Hapgood DeWitt (1906-1990) was a writer from Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Scope and Contents

An interview with Miriam Hapgood DeWitt conducted 1987-1988, by Robert F. Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

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DeWitt discusses her childhood in the New York area and Provincetown, Massachusetts, as the daughter of two writers, Hutchins Hapgood and Neith Boyce. She recalls various artists and writers, as well as eventful

years in New York and Taos, New Mexico. She also speaks of her second husband, John DeWitt, and his involvement with major federal government art projects during the 1960s and 1970s.

General

Originally recorded on 4 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 6 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 46 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Authors -- Massachussetts -- Provincetown -- Interviews
Federal aid to the arts

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Boyce, Neith, 1872-1951
DeWitt, John, 1910-1984
Hapgood, Hutchins, 1869-1944