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Oral history interview with Francis W. Dolloff

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Francis W. Dolloff
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Creator:	Dolloff, Francis W. (Interviewee) Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer)
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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 others.

Available Formats

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

Biographical / Historical

Francis W. Dolloff (1908-2006) was a restorer of prints and drawings at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Scope and Contents

An interview with Francis W. Dolloff conducted 1986 September 19-1986 November 13, by Robert F. Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

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Dolloff speaks of his childhood and education in the Boston area; of his work as a young helper, from 1924 on, in various capacities at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; working in the late 1920s as a self-taught

prints and drawings restorer under Henry P. Rossiter at the Museum of Fine Arts; modern apprenticeship plus specialized training for restorers.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hr., 6 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Prints -- Conservation and restoration -- Massachusetts -- Boston
Restorers -- Massachusetts -- Boston -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Rossiter, Henry P. (Henry Preston), b. 1885