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Oral history interviews with North Carolina glass artists

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interviews with North Carolina glass artists
<b>Date:</b>	1995
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.dougla95
<b>Creator:</b>	Douglas, Mary F., 1956- (Interviewer)
<b>Extent:</b>	7 Sound cassettes (Sound recordings) 42 Pages (Transcripts)
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1997 by Mary Douglas. The paper for which these interviews was conducted was subsequently published in the Glass Art Society Journal (1995, p. 34-41). Each of the artists interviewed agreed to donate their interviews to the Archives, with the exception of Harvey K. Littleton.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Art historian; Statesville, N.C.

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## Scope and Contents

Tapes and transcripts of interviews with North Carolina glass artists conducted by Mary Douglas as part of her research for a paper, "Rural Esthetics in the North Carolina Glass Community," delivered at the 1995 Glass Art Society (GAS) Conference in Asheville, N.C. Interviewees include: Rick and Valerie Beck, William Bernstein, Gilbert C. Johnson, Rob Levin, Joe Nielander, John and Sharon Nygren, and Kate Vogel and John Littleton.

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## Scope and Contents

Topics covered include "craft culture": whether there is a rural esthetic in North Carolina glass; the idea of community around Penland School and the surrounding region of the Southern Highlands; the significance of the region's craft history on contemporary glass artists; and the distinctive qualities of North Carolina glass.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Decorative arts  
Glass art  
Glass artists -- North Carolina -- Interviews

### Names:

Beck, Rick  
Beck, Valerie  
Bernstein, William, 1945-  
Johnson, Gilbert C.  
Levin, Robert, 1948-  
Littleton, John  
Nielander, Joe  
Nygren, John Fergus, 1940-  
Nygren, Sharon  
Vogel, Kate

### Occupations:

Art historians -- North Carolina -- Statesville