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Oral history interview with Andrew Dreselly

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Collection Overview

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Title:	Oral history interview with Andrew Dreselly
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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 others.

Biographical / Historical

Andrew Dreselly (1893-1985) was a wood carver and sculptor from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Andrew Dreselly conducted 1981 June 26, by Robert F. Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

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Dreselly speaks of his childhood, apprenticeship, work with several different building firms based in Boston, Massachusetts, and his work with various donors and architects. He contributed craftwork to cathedrals and churches throughout New England and the Mid-Atlantic States, as well as construction projects. He also recalls his time as a charter member of the Lexington Arts and Crafts Association. He recalls Johannes Kirchmayer, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Arcangelo Cascieri.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 34 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Carving (Decorative arts) -- United States
- Church decoration and ornament -- United States
- Sculptors -- Interviews
- Woodwork

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Cascieri, Arcangelo, 1902-1997
- Krichmayer, Johann
- Rockefeller, John D., Jr. (John Davison), 1874-1960