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Oral history interview with Louisa Dresser

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Louisa Dresser
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives' 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.

Restrictions

This interview is open for research. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Louisa Dresser (1907-1989) was an art administrator and art historian from Worcester, Massachusetts. She was Curator of the Worcester Art Museum and specialized in Early American Painting.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Louisa Dresser conducted 1972 October 19, by Robert Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 49 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art, American
- Colonial America
- Decorative arts -- United States
- Figurative painting, American
- Painting -- 17th century -- New England
- Portrait painting -- 17th century -- New England
- Women art historians
- Women arts administrators
- Women museum curators

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Worcester Art Museum

Occupations:

- Art historians -- Massachusetts -- Worcester
- Arts administrators -- Massachusetts -- Worcester
- Museum curators -- Massachusetts -- Worcester