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Oral history interview with Edward Fowles

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Edward Fowles
<b>Date:</b>	1959 Aug. 21
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.fowles59
<b>Creator:</b>	Fowles, Edward, 1885?-1971 (Interviewee) Morse, John D., 1906- (Interviewer)
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<b>Language:</b>	English .

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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.

### Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 3417 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

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## Biographical / Historical

Art dealer; New York, N.Y. Fowles directed the Paris branch of Duveen Brothers from 1917 to 1938, then purchased the firm from Lord Duveen in 1939 with two partners. By 1958 he had bought out his partners. Fowles was vice president of the gallery from 1938 to 1945, when he became president. In 1964, he sold the firm to the Norton Simon Foundation.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Edward Fowles conducted by John D. Morse on 1959 Aug. 21 for the Archives of American Art.

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Fowles speaks of his youth in England, how he came to work for Duveen Brothers, collectors he knew, and his experiences as an art dealer. Fowles also discusses art criticism, the art market, and trends in art collecting.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art -- Collectors and collecting

Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

Names:

Duveen Brothers

Occupations:

Art dealers -- New York (State) -- New York  
Gallery owners -- New York (State) -- New York